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Surviving pathfinder to remember his lost pals

ONE of the four surviving original Pathfinders will join veterans at The Cenotaph on Sunday to remember our war dead.

James Chittenden, *pictured right*, 88, of Two Mile Ash, was part of the elite parachute regiment in the Second World War and was last year given the Legion of Honour, the highest decoration in France.

Mr Chittenden was just 18 when he went to war.

He said: "I lost some good friends over there. There are only four of us left out of what started out as 120 men.

"Let's just say I was young and silly back then, a bit of an eager beaver."

He will attend the memorial as part of The British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association. The Queen will lay a wreath at the event, which will be attended by the Prime Minister and members of the Armed Forces.

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Fears over plan for mental health centre near schools

BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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A REHAB centre – which could house men who suffer from serious mental health problems – could be built in the vicinity of a dozen primary schools.

An application has been submitted to Milton Keynes Council for a 32-bed, male only centre on the site of the derelict White Hart in Whaddon Way, Bletchley.

If successful the rehabilitation centre will house men, over 18, with mental health problems – which could range from those who have been sectioned to those with schizophrenia.

A letter sent to neighbours said psychiatrists, psychologists and therapists will work with patients to 'return them safely to the community'.

The site is in close proximity to 12 schools and headteachers have told MK NEWS there are 'serious concerns' about the proposal.

Mark Bateman, head at Rickley Park Primary School, said: "We have serious reservations about the appropriateness of that site."

Two years ago the site was granted permission to be a residential care home.

Cllr Elaine Wales, vice-chairman of West Bletchley Parish Council, said: "The proposed development is inappropriate. It is in a residential area, close to local schools and on a very small site. Residents are rightly alarmed. It would be a poor location, with poor parking and it is difficult to see how it could be secure."

A spokesman from Cambian, the group behind the plan, said: "We understand that initially people often have initial anxieties but we usually find that through our open consultation process we are able to allay these concerns.

"If you look across our facilities they are pretty similar to the one we are proposing in MK. Our neighbours are generally very supportive of what we do.

"There are very clear requirements regarding access to the community and this is granted on an individual assessment basis. Our services are designed to manage this process extremely well.

"As someone gets better and sections are removed, we have a program to rehabilitate people in terms of daily living skills and social skills so they can rebuild a more independent life."

A public exhibition will take place on Thursday, November 17 for residents to meet with Cambian staff at Rectory Cottages, Green Church Road, Bletchley, from 2-8pm.

A decision on the proposal is expected to be made by the planning committee at the council in January.

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Truckers pay penalties after M1 police check

POLICE discovered 15 lorry drivers breaking the law in checks on the motorway on Friday.

Roads policing officers in Milton Keynes tested heavy goods vehicles at Junction 14 of the M1, focusing on the weight of the vehicles.

In six hours, 20 vehicles were stopped and 15 offences were found.

Of those, ten vehicles were found to be overweight.

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) were issued with fines ranging from £60 to £200.

Other offences found included no insurance, no MOT, no road tax and driving while using a mobile phone.

Drivers for these again received FPNs which ranged from £60 to £200.

PC Russell Irwin, from Milton Keynes Roads Policing base, said: "I would like to highlight the huge risks drivers take when using vehicles that do not conform to the designated vehicle weights. Not only does driving an overweight vehicle affect the handling and braking capability of a vehicle it significantly increases the risk of the driver being involved in any type of traffic collision and also puts other road users at risk.

"Drivers are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure the vehicle they are using is road worthy before commencing any journey."

The future's bright: Children at the Webber Independent School working on iPads

Pupils as young as three learn on iPad

BY DAN PALMER
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TECHNO-SAVVY pupils as young as three have been learning on iPads at a city school.

The youngsters at The Webber Independent School, in Soskin Drive, Stantonbury Fields, have been tackling lessons on Apple's tablet computers as part of efforts to create a '21st century learning environment'.

They have been able to take photographs, shoot videos, research topics on the internet, play educational games and even track the planets in the sky using the light-weight devices.

The school has about 200 pupils and there are around 50 iPads being used in total, both at home and in the classroom.

Principal Sue Vig said: "We believe that young people enjoy learning through a variety of technology enhancing tools.

"The response has been incredibly positive so far, with teachers and students reporting that the devices have made their lessons more engaging.

"However, it is important to note that the technology has not been introduced as a replacement for traditional reading and writing methods, but as a modern supplement to the children's lessons."

According to the school, parents are backing the iPads because they are easy for children to use.

The pupils will get to teach their parents about the technology at a special 'masterclass'.

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Curry houses a hot bet for national award

TWO Indian restaurants have been shortlisted for an award in Britain's Curry Oscars.

Calcutta Brasserie in St Pauls Court, Stony Stratford, and Rajdhani in Midsummer Boulevard will be up against 98 others at the British Curry Awards.

The eateries beat off competition from 2,700 restaurants countrywide who were entered for the awards from a record 68,000 public nominations.

These have now been whittled down to a shortlist of 100 from which the nine regional winners and the Newcomer of the Year will be announced.

Awards organiser Enam Ali MBE said: This is the seventh year of the British Curry Awards and the standards get higher every year. To reach the shortlist is a tremendous achievement.

"Interest in the competition has been greater than ever this year. It just goes to show the tremendous support there is out there for Britain's favourite food."

The winners of the 2011 British Curry Awards will be announced at the Battersea Evolution, London, on November 28.

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Students get festive by taking over mansion

THE mansion at Bletchley Park will this year be taken over by MK College students as part of its Christmas celebrations, sponsored by MK NEWS.

On Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11, students will be catering for a record crowd, expected to smash last year's 12,000 visitors.

Hog roasts, gingerbread, roasted chestnuts and other Christmas food will all be on offer.

As well as the food, students will also be displaying their talents in differing demonstrations throughout both days.

There will be cake decorating, beauty demos and students from a variety of other departments on hand to make it a special day for all.

Stadium strikes deal with stores

BY DAN PALMER
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A MAJOR £56million deal to bring major high street chains to stadiummk has been rubber stamped, giving city shoppers a massive boost.

The seven figure sum, which is being pumped in by The Crown Estate, means that Marks and Spencer, British Homes Stores, River Island and the country's first out-of-town Primark will take centre stage at a new shopping park called MK1, adjacent to the home of the Dons.

There will be seven units in total and the further big names which will fill them are expected to be announced soon.

Up to 1,000 new jobs could be created by the deal and it will also allow Dons chairman Pete Winkelman to upgrade stadiummk to a 32,000 seater UEFA standard venue by the start of the new football season.

That would give the city the power to attract major sporting events and musical acts.

Mr Winkelman, also chairman of stadium owners Inter MK, said: "This shows the strength of the economy in Milton Keynes.

"We have a fantastic line-up of international retailers, anchored by M&S and Primark."

Work on the retail park, which will include 600 car parking spots, is due to get underway in the next few weeks with completion scheduled for autumn 2012.

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World champ confirmed

FORMULA One World Champion Sebastian Vettel and his Red Bull racing colleague Mark Webber will both be in attendance in the city for a big celebration event on December 10.

To celebrate the team's success this year the winning car will be unleashed in CMK and tens of thousands are expected to turn up to witness the spectacle.

It had not been confirmed that German Vettel and Australian Webber would be part of the festivities before an announcement last week.

Kart race for hero Dan

TRAGIC race hero Dan Wheldon will be honoured at a special endurance race at Dayton Milton Keynes on December 5.

The Emberton native lost his life in an IndyCar crash in Las Vegas last month and drivers from far and wide are expected to attend.

For more information e-mail dwmkr@daytona.co.uk.

Teen headbutted over £20 note

A TEEN was forced to hand over £20 he had just taken out from an ATM after being headbutted.

The 15-year-old boy was walking along Lloyds, close to the junction with Button Grove, in Coffee Hall at 12.30pm on Friday.

One of his attackers told him that he had seen him withdraw money from a cashpoint and to hand it over.

The boy refused to hand over the money and he was headbutted by the man and fell to the floor. He then got to his feet and handed over the money and the three men walked off in the direction of Milton Keynes College.

All three are described as white, about 17 or 18, 5ft9ins, of medium build and wearing hoodies.

Anyone with information should contact Det Con Jones on 0845 8 505 505, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Cops non-emergency line to go live

THE police are to go live with a new non-emergency phone number.

From Monday, callers can ring 101 instead of Thames Valley Police's usual 0845 8 505 505 number.

Both numbers will run side by side until the end of March, but if demand for the 0845 8 505 505 number drops it may be discontinued earlier. The routing will be based on the same system as 999 calls, which links a caller's dialling code to the police force that covers that geographic area.

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Memorial should depict history's achievements

SIR - THE MK Rose memorial in Campbell Park is a fantastic idea ('Have your say on new £1.2m city memorial', MK NEWS, November 2).

It is though, not a war memorial and should not be seen as such. Milton Keynes needs a memorial that will stand out in its own right and a good location would be between Marks & Spencer and the Civic Offices.

I hope the columns depict real and meaningful history such as the Battle of Trafalgar, the first steam engine, man's arrival on the moon ans the suchlike.

Alderman Paul Bartlett
Sent by e-mail

History heritage with an eye on the future

SIR - I am quite pleased with the proposed sculpture that will be built in the city.

Hopefully it will teach future generations about the importance of history and I hope it will be used as a tool for schools in teaching youngsters about the past.

By leaving 30 of the pillars free it proves the council want the city to progress and create its own history – ideally, I hope, with the grant of city status next year.

Some people may moan about the cost but I think as something that is going to last it is worth it.

It is not an eyesore and a good use of the pool in Campbell Park.

Name and address supplied

A let-down feeling over MP's performance…

SIR - What a total disappointment our MP for Milton Keynes South, Iain Stewart, has turned out to be on one of the most important decisions he has had to make on behalf of the local people who voted for him at the last election.

I am, of course, referring to the House of Commons vote on the EU.

One of the main reasons for being an MP is to truly represent the voting public in the constituency that you represent.

Abstaining from any vote, let alone one as important as the EU, completely nullifies the reason the MP was put there in the first place.

In effect Mr Stewart is saying that he cannot make up his mind about such an important issue or doesn't have the backbone to stand up to the Conservative party whips.

I also noticed that the MP for Milton Keynes North, Mark Lancaster, voted against the debate – but at least he voted instead of sitting on the fence – albeit under the pressure of a three-line whip.

Another interesting point is why are two MPs from the same party in such close proximity not thinking along similar lines?

Is there that much difference between the people of Milton Keynes North and South?

Mr Stewart and Mr Lancaster – is this the best you can do to represent the people who put you in office?

Stuart Moore
Vice chairman
UKIP Milton Keynes Branch

… and a defence of his EU voting position

SIR - I would like to set out the reasons behind my vote on the EU.

It was with a very heavy heart that, for the first time in my Parliamentary career, I chose to defy the three-line whip, which my party had imposed and not to support the Government. I have come to the conclusion that, at some point in the not too distant future, the public ought to have a say on our future relationship with Europe.

I do believe that opportunity has come when the consequences of the current Eurozone crisis are known and the immediate economic problems have been resolved.

However, while I am supportive of such a referendum, I did not feel able actively to support the motion before the House.

I felt it was deficient in a number of ways, not least because I believe that referendums need to offer a clear, straight 'yes/no' choice on a specific question.

The motion on which we were asked to vote was too vague in the options it presented and, crucially, offered three options but no mechanism for deciding what would happen in the event that none of the options achieved more than 50 per cent support.

Having spent much of the last year arguing against an alternative vote in that referendum, it would have been rather hypocritical of me to support it in this instance. I also had some concerns about the restrictive time limits imposed by the motion.

Unfortunately, a far better motion for a referendum was not called for debate or vote. It was the one tabled by my colleague George Eustice and, had it been selected, I would have voted for it.

I decided, therefore, that my best course of action was to register an abstention.

I should explain that, in the House of Commons, there is no formal way to abstain. Normally, a member would simply not vote.

However, there is no way of distinguishing between those who simply do not turn up and those, like me, who have issues with both sides of the argument and wish to register their dissatisfaction with the choice on offer.

That is why I voted in both division lobbies.

Let me conclude by restating that I do think the time is coming when I believe the public should be asked to have a say and I shall continue to work with like-minded colleagues to persuade the Government that we should have one.

Iain Stewart MP
Milton Keynes South

Tories' distraction over EU is totally misguided

SIR - There is something deeply irresponsible of the Tory party in Parliament to be wasting time squabbling over the country's future membership of Europe at a time when they should be focusing upon the economy and the need to create high quality well-paid jobs.

The problem is we have a deeply divided Tory party with many of their MPs committed to pulling out of Europe.

The Government's economic policy is flawed and continues to take demand out of the economy.

This undermines good business and the creation of jobs in Milton Keynes.

We are a city with hundreds of businesses and thousands of jobs relying upon Europe.

The desire of a bunch of extreme Tories to pull out of Europe is a distraction.

We need to grow the economy through public investment, such as building thousands of new council houses, and through tax cuts at the lower end of the pay scale in order to maximise spending and growth.

Cutting VAT and national insurance tax breaks for business would be two possible changes that would stimulate demand and create jobs.

The people getting new jobs would then spend their money on buying goods and services and business would start to grow.

There may be a need in the longer term to discuss our relationship to Europe but now is not the time.

The priority for Government and MPs must be on economic growth and creating good jobs, not on playing politics over Europe.

Cllr Nigel Long
Deputy leader
MK Labour Group.

Windfarm eyesore and the nuclear alternative

SIR - I am not surprised to hear that residents in the parish of Haversham Cum Little Linford are up in arms over the proposed windfarm ('It's a 'no' vote in windfarm battle', MK NEWS, October 26).

Not so long ago, a Panorama Special showed how some wind masts were built not far from a hotel, which promptly lost all its customers who could not sleep at night, and a farmer found his cattle had stopped giving milk.

One thing is certain, these developers won't be building them in their back yard, but they are quite happy to stick them in ours.

One thing they will not want to know – if you had a windfarm every few feet throughout the land, they would still fall far short of just one nuclear power station.

Anita Rose
Church Lees
Great Linford

Many thanks to all our Hallowe'en supporters

SIR - We would like to thank everyone that helped with our Halloween event in Stantonbury.

Thanks to our neighbours and friends for their help and support, as well as Keith Emmett for the rides and the donation. We made £50 in two hours for the Make a Wish Foundation.

We hope all the kids enjoyed it and we hope to do it again next year.

Grace, Ian, Diane and Sandra
Stantonbury Tenants Action Group

Sliding to success and praising your columnist

SIR - With reference to Jon Brett's City Life article 'The land where time has stood still' – which a friend of mine recently sent me a copy of. May I take this opportunity of congratulating him on the accuracy of the article and to say yes I did fulfill my dream, I was first down the slide followed by the then mayor Fred Smith.

Congratulations also on spelling my name correctly.

Bryan Jones
Sent by e-mail

Hospital gets a clean bill of health from me

SIR - I am writing in response to the article about the cleanliness of Milton Keynes Hospital.

I was a patient at the hospital a couple of years ago and was hospitalised for a few days after being struck down with an illness I picked up while travelling in Africa.

I am not a very good patient, I must admit, but I never found any problems with how clean the ward was. In general I thought it was perfectly fine and had no complaints after my stay.

I saw the ward being cleaned every day and the nursing staff were very thorough and made sure things were cleaned as soon as possible.

I hope this report by the CQC was a one-off.

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Disabled mum stuck after lift repair delay

Going nowhere: Disabled mother Melissa Chapin is trapped in her first floor flat until the building's lift is repaired

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A DISABLED mother has been trapped in her first floor flat for two weeks as the company charged with maintaining the lift has not fixed it.

Melissa Chapin, 43, from South Seventh Street, CMK, has needed to use a wheelchair since she gave birth to her twins Ben and Mia, who are now seven.

She has a genetic tissue disorder called Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and is unable to walk without her limbs dislocating.

Without the use of the lift she cannot get down the flight of stairs and has been confined to her flat for 15 days. She has had to rely on friends to take her children to school and to bring her essential supplies, while her chemist has had to bring vital medicines to her.

Despite contacting OM Property Management, which services the common areas of the building, on October 26 – the day of the breakdown, to report the fault, it will not be fixed until Monday.

Miss Chapin said: "The support from friends is amazing but nobody is coming to help us.

"It is not just me. There is a woman in one flat who has had a stroke and has not been able to get her medication.

"Is OM Property Management going up to make sure she is okay?"

An OM Property Management spokesman said: "We would like to apologise for the considerable inconvenience caused to Ms Chapin and other residents at South Seventh Street by the failure of the lift.

"The safety of all our residents is always our utmost priority. Since the lift developed a major fault we have been working to resolve the problem as quickly as possible and been in constant contact with the lift maintenance contractor.

"Given the nature of the problem they in turn have had to involve the manufacturer of the lift who has informed us that its engineer will carry out repairs and reprogramming on November 14."

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Fire station falls just short

BLETCHLEY Fire Station was pipped at the post at a national award ceremony in London on Friday.

It was shortlisted for Station of the Year in The Fire Fighters Charity's annual Spirit of Fire Awards.

Bletchley Fire Station was one of the four finalists.

Bonfire fun for pupils

CHILDREN at Stoke Goldington CE First School had some explosive fun making their own 'Guy' recently while learning all about Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night.

The class of seven children also created fireworks pictures.

Rail works wins award

A FORMER railway works has scooped a worldwide award for urban design and best practice.

Wolverton Park beat off competition from across the world to land the award at a ceremony in Los Angeles.

Restoration funds given to aqueduct

A GRANT of £40,500 has been awarded to restore and repair the Iron Trunk Aqueduct.

The grant, awarded by not-for-profit company WREN, is part of a Heritage Fund launched in 2010, which helps to protect grade one and two star listed buildings and structures of historical importance across the UK.

WREN's grant will contribute towards the preservation, cleaning and painting works to this Scheduled Ancient Monument, which carries the Grand Union Canal over the River Great Ouse.

James Clifton, at British Waterways, said: "It is the final piece in the funding jigsaw which will allow us to refurbish this historic structure to celebrate its 200th year."

Duo target teen in attempted phone theft

TWO women attempted to grab a teenager's phone.

The 18-year-old victim in Dodkin, Beanhill, was walking towards the shops in Beanfare when she was approached.

The women asked for money to get home before grabbing her and trying to take her mobile at about 6pm on Sunday.

The victim called out for help from a man who was passing by and the women went off in the direction of the shops. No property was stolen and the victim was not injured.

Both women are white and aged about 30. One is pale skinned, 5ft 6ins, medium build, with brown eyes, dark freckles on her face and dark brown hair.

The other woman is taller and very slim. She has blonde hair in a short bob.

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Store considers options over distribution centre sale

A SUPERMARKET giant is looking to sell its old distribution centre at Fenny Lock.

Tesco is 'actively marketing' the site but there has been a rumour that it could be turned into a dotcom warehouse and will employ 200 people.

In March, Tesco told its 764 staff at the distribution centre that it would close and in June the supermarket giant moved to a new site at Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal.

In addition 111 drivers transferred to Eddie Stobart were still working at the site, as well as about 100 agency cleaning, catering and security staff.

At the time of the closure unions warned the move was 'devastating' to the community and the area's economy.

Tesco refused to comment on specific details of the potential development and would not confirm or deny the rumours about the dotcom warehouse.

A Tesco spokesman said: "We are actively marketing the distribution centre and have received interest from a number of different organisations.

"A firm decision is yet to be made but we will consider all options over the coming months."

MK's leading lights: *From left,* Simon Greenish, CEO of the Bletchley Park Trust, Andrew Geary, MK Council leader, David Hill, MK Council chief executive, Tim Reynolds and Alan Richards, MK Mayor

Olympic flame to light city streets

BY DAN PALMER

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THE famous Olympic flame will shine a light on the city's streets after Milton Keynes was confirmed as a destination on the London 2012 torch relay.

Lucky torchbearers will pass through on July 9 as part of the flame's 70-day journey around the country.

After travelling up from Dunstable, the torch will take in both CMK and Bletchley, including a trip to Bletchley Park.

It will then carry on west towards Buckingham.

The news has been widely welcomed by key figures from the city who believe that the flame will bring a cultural and financial boost.

Mayor Alan Richards said: "I'm delighted that the city has been chosen and I hope this inspires our athletes ahead of the Olympics."

Leader of Milton Keynes Council Andrew Geary predicted that the local economy would certainly be helped by the crowds watching the torch.

He said: "The Olympic Torch Relay will shine a spotlight on the people in the borough and demonstrate that the Olympic spirit is alive and well."

Both of the city's MPs have also welcomed the announcement.

Milton Keynes North representative Mark Lancaster called it a 'great honour' for the city and his South Milton Keynes colleague Iain Stewart added that it was further good news after the successful bid to become one of England's World Cup venues.

Councillor Sam Crooks, a long time supporter of the flame, said MK was in the 'big league' of British cities and said that the news would give the city bid a boost.

Guiding star Susan in the running for the relay

EIGHT thousand inspirational torch bearers will be chosen to take the Olympic flame to every corner of the country.

As part of the London 2012 'moment to shine' project, a shortlist of special people who have gone the extra mile in life has been drawn up ahead of the iconic torch relay.

The lucky few will be selected early in the new year and local hero Susan Mullet, 32, from Bletchley, is one of those in the running.

Susan, leader of 1st Loughton Girl Guides, was nominated by Fran Moody whose daughter Bel is a member of the group.

Fran was able to nominate Susan through Samsung, one of London 2012's official partners.

She put her forward as an 'inspirational figure to young people in the local community'.

Susan organises a range of activities for the Guides all year round, including camping, kayaking, cake making and fashion shows.

What makes her dedication especially incredible is that she has epilepsy so is unable to drive.

Despite this, she's a very independent person who gets about by bike and manages to overcome adversity.

"She gives her own time for the benefit of others and offers young people the opportunity to learn by example through her bravery and determination," Fran said.

Susan said that she was 'over the moon' to hear about her nomination.

She said: "It's fantastic news that the torch will be coming through Milton Keynes next year and to say that I was the one that carried it as a member of Girlguiding UK would be a dream.

"I can't even imagine what it would be like."

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Commerce chief calls it a day

THE chief executive of the Chamber of Commerce has resigned.

Rita Spada stepped down from the post at a board meeting and will pursue personal business interests.

She said yesterday: "It has been a phenomenal privilege to hold that role. I held it for longer than I expected and I think I enabled the Chamber of Commerce to get where it is.

"There is a chance for it to further its options now that it is in a good place. It has been a privilege working with the board and for me Milton Keynes is an amazing city.

"But it is time for me to move on and for the chamber to go to the next step.

"Milton Keynes will remain my home and I think it has phenomenal potential."

In a statement president Silvia Vitiello said: "Following a strategic review, the board of Milton Keynes and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce is announcing changes to the structure of the organisation, to enable it to evolve and enhance membership services at every level.

"Having played an important part in the board's review process, Rita Spada resigned her post as chief executive. She had led the executive team at the chamber for the last five years and will continue her career by developing personal business interests."

Labour sets sights on MK South

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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Hopeful: Andrew Pakes

MILTON Keynes is centre stage for the next General Election.

That's according to Labour's parliamentary candidate, who says the proposed electoral boundary changes make the current Milton Keynes South seat a marginal one, and gives Labour a good chance of retaking it next time round.

But Conservative MP Iain Stewart said, although the proposed changes would have made the last vote a close-run result, he will not change the way he is working currently in the city.

The potential changes, which are currently out to public consultation, would see the Milton Keynes South seat lose Bletchley and Fenny Stratford and Eaton Manor to Buckingham, and Danesborough and Walton Park transferred to Milton Keynes North.

Labour candidate Andrew Pakes estimates, had this been the arrangement in the last General Election, Iain Stewart would have won by only 400 votes.

He is now predicting a hard-fought battle for the seat next time round, and believes the country's political eyes could be on the city.

"Over the next few years the nation's going to be looking at what happens in Milton Keynes in terms of whether Labour's back on the road to office again, and how the Government's doing," he said.

"All parties will be looking at the kinds of issues that affect Milton Keynes.

"It's going to be getting a lot of attention in the years ahead."

He added that, as it could become one of the most marginal seats in the country, and as Labour 'needs to win back seats in the south', residents could expect Labour to step up the campaign here.

But Iain Stewart said he has always expected Labour to 'fight vigorously' to regain the seat.

"Milton Keynes South has always been a marginal seat over the last 20 years, that's not new," he said.

"I'll do my level best as a Member of Parliament, and then it's for the people to judge the job I've done and the Government's done.

"I'm going to continue to work my socks off and provide the service people should expect from their Member of Parliament."

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Opening a door to affordable homes

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MORE than ten per cent of bids from housing developers to build homes under a new Government scheme were for the Milton Keynes area.

In February, Housing Minister Grant Schapps announced the new scheme, in which the Government will be investing £4.5billion for developers to deliver 170,000 new affordable homes across the country in the next four years.

Last week, MP for Milton Keynes South Iain Stewart asked in Parliament how many bids had been received.

The response was that, subject to contracts, 146 providers had been accepted - with 15 of those bids being for the Milton Keynes and Aylesbury Vale 'minimum geographic area'.

Currently nine of those developers have been signed up and 673 affordable rent homes have been agreed for the area.

Speaking afterwards his question, Mr Stewart said: "In Milton Keynes we have a huge problem with adequate housing stock. Constituents regularly contact me for assistance with social

housing. I believe we have to be creative about how we address this issue and explore various models to meet our housing needs.

"I am pleased to learn Milton Keynes will soon be benefitting from the Affordable Rent Scheme."

Under the new scheme, landlords will be able to offer homes to tenants on fixed tenancies, charging a rent of up to 80 per cent of the local market rate.

Mr Schapps said: "It offers landlords the freedom they need to offer a range of solutions to people's housing needs."

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Biker made film of 150mph ride

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A MOTORCYCLIST who filmed himself driving at speeds of up to 150mph on Milton Keynes roads and uploaded the footage to the internet has been sentenced to a 51-week suspended jail term.

Robert Mark Owens, 48, of Whaddon Way, Bletchley, was sentenced at Aylesbury Crown Court on Thursday after admitting four counts of dangerous driving.

As well as the jail sentence, suspended for two years, he was disqualified from driving for five years and ordered to complete 150 hours unpaid work.

He also had his licence endorsed with two penalty points and had his £3,000 bike and £150 camera confiscated.

On four separate occasions in April 2011, Owens used a helmet-mounted video camera to record himself driving his Kawasaki 600cc motorbike at speeds of up to 150mph.

Some of the footage, which showed him doing wheelies, riding on footpaths and weaving in and out of traffic, was then uploaded to the social networking site YouTube.

Dangerous driving: A scene from the film Owens uploaded Oto YouTube

Police received an anonymous call about the videos and Owens was arrested for the offences.

PC Steve Roebuck said: "This was among the worst examples of dangerous driving I have seen during my time as a police officer and the fact Owens willingly put himself and others in such danger almost beggars belief.

"It is a miracle he survived many of the situations he put himself in and to upload this footage onto a social networking site to boast about what he had done is abhorrent."

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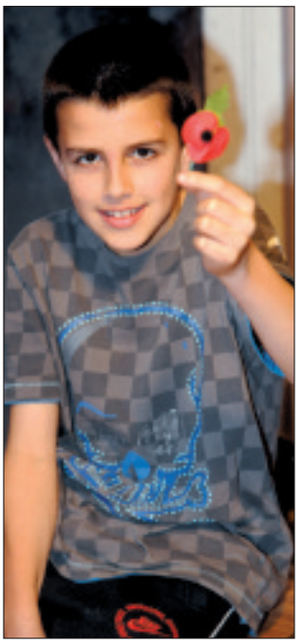
Excitement over special birthday



Birthday boy: Joe will be 11 on 11/11/11

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THOSE of you who have reached life's milestones might think you have had some pretty special birthdays.

You may have had your 16th, 18th, 21st, 30th or 50th.

Some of you may even have had a card from the Queen.

But not many people will be celebrating their 11th birthday on 11/11/11.

But this year Joe Murphy has exactly that birthday.

The youngster, from New Bradwell, is preparing to celebrate the event, which only a select few people will experience every hundred years.

He said: "I'm really looking forward to it.

"When I told my friends, they were all asking if it was really true. I just said 'yes'.

"When I realised I was going to be 11 on that day, I got really excited.

"It's a really special birthday."

His mum Louise said the family first realised about two years ago and explained Joe, who attends New Bradwell County Combined School, couldn't contain his excitement.

She said: "It wasn't until two years ago that we actually thought about the date and worked out his birthday. We just thought 'wow'.

"We told him and he got really excited because it doesn't happen to many people.

"On the day, we are going to light some fireworks and have some cake, but nothing too different from his other birthdays.

"All of his friends think it's great.

"Joe thinks it's amazing and he's quite excited about getting all this attention."

In fact, Joe was just 24 minutes away from having that extra-special birthday.

That's because he was born at 10.36pm.

His mum added: "It wasn't quite 11 o'clock, but it's still a very special birthday."

Of course, Joe's birthday is not the only significant event to be marked on Friday.

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■ For a round-up of Sunday's Remembrance Day events, see page 17.

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WHAT could become the world's fastest car rocketed into Milton Keynes last week to the official opening of MK College's new Innovation and Technology Centre.

Guest of honour Wing Commander Andy Green OBE, who is the current world land speed record holder, appeared at the opening of the state-of-the-art building last Wednesday and Thursday to present BLOODHOUND.

The unique super sonic car is being built to travel at more than 1,000mph, and Wg Cdr Green was in the city to talk about the experience of driving and production of the rocket and jet powered vehicle, due to make its record attempt in the deserts of South Africa in 2013.

"To quote a friend of mine, apart from the extreme heat, massive noise, vibration and extreme changes in G-Force, it should be fairly easy," he said.

"This project is all about human endeavour, about human beings going out and doing something, pushing back the boundaries.

"It's part of human nature to do this exploring.

"It's going to be exciting for me and hugely exciting and challenging for the team as well."

Wg Cdr Green, who has just returned from service in Libya, has been here before.

Innovation: Gavin Cross, head of engineering, with the 3D printer at MK College's Innovation and Technology Centre

In October 1997, he set a new landspeed record of 763mph as part of a small team led by Richard Noble to build and drive the Thrust SSC. Mr Noble is again the project director for BLOODHOUND.

But he was also in Milton Keynes to talk about the importance of facilities such as the new Innovation and Technology Centre at MK College's Chaffron Way campus.

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Grand unveiling: Wing Commander Andy Green at the opening of MK College's Innovation and Technology Centre

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Wg Cdr Green said: "This is a fantastic thing here. There's so much technology we depend on today and so many people we need to train. This is one of those places the college has here, to train those people."

He said the country needs projects like BLOODHOUND and centres like the one in Leadenhall, to ensure interest is sparked for the engineers of the future.

Dr Julie Mills, principal and chief executive of the college, said: "It is our aim that the centre will be the focal point of engineering delivery in Milton Keynes and meet the needs of the city's engineering, manufacturing and construction employers."

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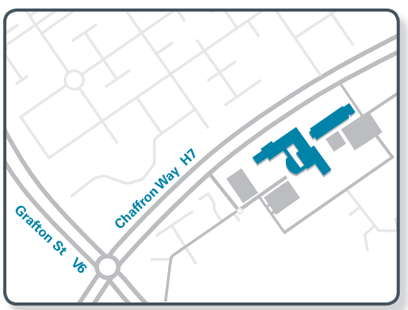

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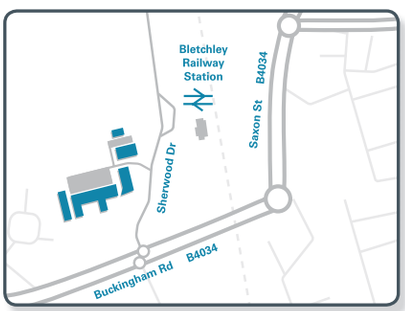

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Time to remember our fallen heroes

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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AT 11AM on Friday the nation will fall silent to remember those who gave their lives to serve their country.

There will also be a ceremonial unveiling of the first pillar of the forthcoming MK Rose sculpture in Campbell Park.

Then on Remembrance Day on Sunday, ceremonies and events will be taking place right across Milton Keynes to commemorate all our fallen heroes.

Here is a guide to some of those events, for those who want to pay their respects.

The Square, Aylesbury Street, Wolverton, 10.30am

A ceremony will take place at the War Memorial, with ward councillor Norman Miles representing the mayor and groups including the Girl Guides. Wolverton Town Band will play music, with refreshments provided by The Youth Cafe.

Bletchley Park, 10.30am

A march with cadets from all three forces, as well as other groups including the Territorial Army, starts at the mansion at Bletchley Park and proceeds to the cenotaph at St Mary's Church in Church Green Road for a ceremony at 11am.

Remembrance: A memorial at one of last year's ceremonies

Market Square, Olney, 10.30am

A small parade from St Peter and St Paul's Church will be followed by a wreath-laying ceremony and service in the Market Square.

High Street, Newport Pagnell, 11am

The Queen's Avenue parade, attended by TA officer Mark Lancaster MP, will assemble at the war memorial for the laying of wreaths.

Newport Road, New Bradwell, 2pm

People will be assembling at the clock tower for wreath laying, before heading to St James' Church for a service.

Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford, 3pm

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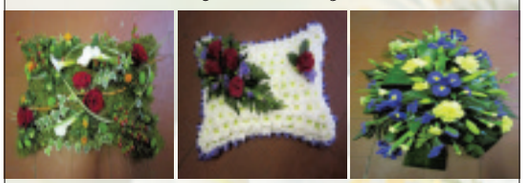

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Spectacular fireworks

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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Thousands of people gathered in and around Campbell Park to see the annual Keith Emmett and Sons display, which can be seen from vantage points right across the city and is becoming more popular every year.

Children were also heard screaming to go faster on the waltzers and other rides at the visiting funfair at the event, hosted by The Parks Trust.

Meanwhile, Bletchley Park's dazzling Blitznight wowed with its display, accompanied by rousing wartime music, a funfair and barbecue.

Night of fun: Scenes from The Parks Trust's event

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Care home design has been revealed

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A CARE home for people with dementia to be built in Bletchley is thought to be the first of its kind in the country - and this is what it will look like.

The £3.2million project in Bletchley Park is expected to be completed for next August and will use the latest technology to give 24-hour care for residents.

The 34-bedroom development will use colour therapy and each flat will be fitted with state-of-the-art Telecare technology, such as bed, heat and door sensors.

The need for the project, which is being built by Grand Union Housing Group (GUHG) and was granted £2.4million of funding by the Homes and Communities Agency, was identified by Milton Keynes Council's adult social care scheme as there is an increasing number of residents living with dementia in the city.

Aileen Evans, managing director of Aragon Housing Association, part of GUHG, said: "This technology means that if a resident is prone to night wandering, if they get out of bed, lights can come on automatically so they remain much safer.

How it will look: An artist's impression of the care home

"If they are forgetful and put food on the cooker, heat sensors raise an alarm if it is unattended.

"There is a vast range of sensors which can help make them safe, and secure, yet hang on to their independence.

"It is all about helping dementia sufferers live a lot more independently and safely than they would otherwise be able to and at the same time provide peace of mind and relief for their families and carers."

There will also be some two-bedroom flats so married couples, where one has dementia, can live together.

Cllr Debbie Brock, cabinet member for adult, older years and health services, said: "This scheme is another first for Milton Keynes and will provide vital support to help people with dementia to continue to live fulfilled lives as independently as possible, but with 24-hour support if they need it."

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Coachway is focus for Shadow Cabinet visit

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE second Shadow Cabinet member in a month visited the city last week.

On Thursday, Shadow Transport Minister John Woodcock paid a visit to the Coachway to meet staff and discuss the Government's recent decision to cut discounted coach fares for pensioners and disabled people.

That followed the visit of Rachel Reeves on Monday, October 17, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, to launch Labour's new plan for jobs and growth.

Mr Woodcock said: "It's such a shame to put at risk the great improvements we've seen here in Milton Keynes from the last Labour Government, helping to make possible this new station.

"At a time when money is so tight for older people, they tell us all the time how much they valued the concessionary fares.

"They are now being forced to pay more for the same services."

He met with staff from National Express, which has now introduced a one-third discount for pensioners and disabled passengers. The Coachway, which opened last December, sees 128 coaches departing daily, with 391,284 journeys beginning or ending in Milton Keynes in 2010, making it one of the biggest terminals in the country.

Peter Ballantyne, chairman of the Milton Keynes Bus Users' Group and of the Older Person's Forum, said he is worried the cuts could affect families.

"We did a survey about 18 months ago, trying to work out who was travelling and for what reason.

"We found a good 75 per cent were travelling for family reasons.

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Labour activist Andrew Pakes, *centre*, John Woodcock, Shadow Transport Minister, *left*, and Andrew Cleaves from UK Coach

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Making compost at home is a good and effective way of reducing your waste and producing a rich material to use in your garden, complementing the council's own food and garden waste collection service.

If you have sufficient space, a compost heap is a good idea but a compost bin is better if you only have a small garden or if you want to keep things looking neat and tidy. Milton Keynes Council has joined forces with Evengreener to sell low cost compost bins on our behalf - from as little as £15 (plus £5.49 delivery per order). You can view and purchase the full range of composters, wormeries and water butts on the Get Composting website: **www.getcomposting.com.**

Compost is an organic material comprising of garden waste and/or kitchen scraps which has decomposed to form a rich, soil-like substance. During the composting process, tiny organisms feed on the waste and multiply, which breaks down the organic materials.

Autumn is an excellent time to start composting as there's plenty of garden waste available. Spent bedding plants, grass cuttings, autumn leaves and prunings can all be recycled over the coming months to produce a compost which is ideal for spring planting.

It's important to have a good mixture of materials (you don't want too much of any one thing) if you want to make a good quality compost. As well as green garden waste, you can compost fruit and vegetable peelings, egg shells, tea bags, pet hair, and even shredded paper.

Try to aim for a 50/50 mix of 'greens' (vegetable peelings, old flowers, grass cuttings, spent bedding plants) and 'browns' (garden prunings, coffee grounds, tissues and paper napkins, cardboard, vacuum cleaner dust). Don't put meat, bones or fish in your home composting though – these should go in your green bin for food and garden waste, which we collect every week.

If you have too many leaves for your compost bin, just put the excess into a bin bag, make a few holes in it, and leave in a secluded spot to rot down. It will be a great soil conditioner in a few months' time. Another good tip is to use your lawnmower to collect up leaves - this shreds the leaves and helps to speed the composting process.

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Soldier's pride at stadium ovation

BY DAN PALMER
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A SOLDIER has spoken of his pride after he received a tremendous ovation from football fans at stadiummk.

Mark Smith carried out the match ball when MK Dons met Rochdale on Saturday as part of the club's work to mark Armed Forces Day.

The Lance Sergeant with the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards has served in Afghanistan, Iraq and Bosnia but he had to have his right leg amputated after a freak incident while training in Canada this July.

He was accidentally shot in both the leg and arm but the 25-year-old Dons fan recently had a prosthetic leg fitted which allowed him to grace his club's home turf.

When the former Stony Stratford footballer walked off the pitch he received a standing ovation, which Dons assistant boss John Gorman said gave him 'goosebumps'.

Manager Karl Robinson later dedicated his side's 3-1 victory to the soldier.

Mark said: "That ovation was the main thing I took away from the experience, I couldn't believe it when I came off.

Mark Smith at stadiummk on Saturday

"And when I heard that Karl had dedicated the win to me in the post match interviews I was overwhelmed.

"I was worried about the leg giving way but it managed to hold."

Dons played in special kit featuring a poppy during the game and Mark's namesake Adam Smith put the ball that was carried on to good use with a long range screamer to level the match for the hosts.

"My mates said it was like Smith day," Mark said.

"I carried the ball out, Adam scored that goal and was man-of-the-match and the game sponsors were Smith Construction."

Manager Robinson said: "He showed tremendous courage to lead us on to the pitch.

"It was hard when he was walking off, I got quite emotional because you see how wars have an effect on an adult life."

■ For a full report on Saturday's match, see MK Sport from page 82.

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Search for Santa in the city's park

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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ENJOY the magic of Christmas by joining one of the many festive events taking place in the city's parks.

The Parks Trust charity, which cares for Milton Keynes' parks and green spaces, is putting on a range of family activities next month.

On December 17 get your family together to join park rangers to Search for Santa at Howe Park Wood.

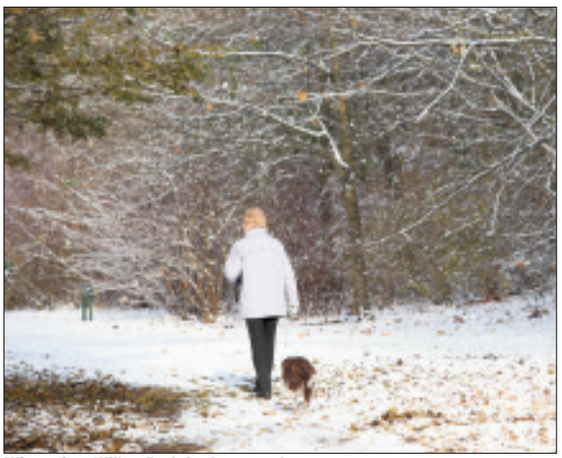
Follow a trail through the woods and look for signs, tracks and traces of Father Christmas.

When you find him tell him what's on your toy list and receive a Christmas gift. Book your hunt at timed bookings between 11am and 3pm. Tickets cost £5.

Then, warm up your vocal chords and join the popular annual outdoor carols at Willen Lake in support of Willen Hospice on December 18.

The shimmering waters of North Willen Lake will provide a magical atmosphere underneath the stars for traditional carols.

This event is free and there is no need to book. It takes place from 4-5.30pm – just make sure you bring a lantern.



Winter fun: Willen Park in the snow last year

Finally, if you need some extra decorations then The Crafty Christmas event in Campbell Park on December 20 may tickle your fancy. Booking is essential for this activity, which will be held in the pavilion and costs £3 per person to cover materials.

To book a place for these events call The Parks Trust on 01908 255379. For more information and other events visit www.theparkstrust.com

■ See MK Life for this month's column by The Parks Trust.

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Police to use accolade to cut homophobic bullying

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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THE police force's gay association has won an award for its work in diversity.

The team at Thames Valley Gay Police Association (TVGPA) were presented with a cheque for £3,000.

It will use the money to reduce homophobic and transphobic bullying in schools and for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGB&T) youth.

At position 35 in the lesbian, gay and bisexual charity Stonewall's top 100 UK employers this year, Thames Valley Police has more than 200 members in its Gay Police Association.

The TVGPA team has introduced a new system for officers to call a member of the association if they are responding to a sexual assault or rape involving lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender victims.

A pool of 20 individuals provide on-call advice on a rota system. TVGPA also has Facebook and Twitter accounts to provide anti-homophobia messages and promote community events.

The Jane's Police Review Diversity in Action Award 2011 was presented to TVGPA on Thursday at The London Hilton. Sgt Kelly Reed, chairman of the TVGPA, said: "This is an amazing achievement for both TVGPA and Thames Valley Police, it really emphasises the level of support for our work which benefits members of staff across the force area and people within our LGB&T communities.

"The bursary awarded will be used to reduce homophobic and transphobic bullying in our schools and for our LGB&T youth."

The Police Review Awards Gala Dinner was hosted by sports correspondent and broadcaster Chris Hollins and attended by the Home Secretary Theresa May, police leaders from across the UK and all nominated officers and teams who were invited.

Home Secretary Theresa May said: "It was a privilege to celebrate exceptional policing from forces across England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland at the awards. Every day countless police officers put their lives on the line to protect the public and drive down crime. We have the best police officers in the world and it is right that they are recognised for going above and beyond in the line of duty."

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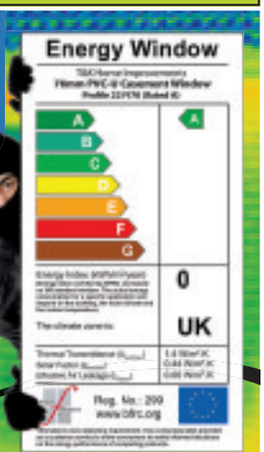

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No longer struggling: Hannah Burgess with Rory at Stantonbury Campus

Hannah's guide dog sets her free

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A CITY student says her life has become more independent after gaining a special classmate.

Fourteen-year-old Hannah Burgess, from Neath Hill, was born with albinism, and as a result her eyesight has deteriorated severely.

Until the summer, she said she was struggling to do all the things a normal teenage girl would do because of her poor vision.

But that was until she met Rory – her golden retriever.

In the summer, Hannah became a qualified guide dog handler and now says her quality of life has improved as Rory is with her everywhere she goes, even at school.

She said: "I'm a lot more independent now.

"I can go out with my friends and I'm able to do more stuff, like go shopping and go to parties.

"Before I wasn't very confident to go out, but now I can just go out for a walk or to my friend's house. Rory helps me a lot around school, with large crowds and things like that."

Hannah has now even joined the Army Cadets in Blakelands, something she would not have been able to do before. She said: "We do drills and marching, which Rory really helps me with."

When Hannah qualified in the summer, she was only 13, making her one of the youngest handlers in the country.

Her mum Lucy said: "Guide dogs for young handlers is a relatively new thing because there's the responsibility of keeping the dog.

"It's really worked for her, she loves it and is taking it all in her stride."

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Not only will staff be answering the phones taking donations, but they will be getting into the spirit of this year's tagline 'Show us your spots' by making the building (and themselves) as spotty as possible.

As well as acting as one of the call centres, VWFS staff will also be raising money onsite throughout the build up period with bake sales, raffles, casual dress days and a competition to guess how many balloons are inside cars decorated in spots matching the colour of Pudsey.

Fundraisers: Lisa Stacey, joint MD of VWFS, and Pudsey the Bear with Elise Winter, Sarah Jamieson and James Horn from customer services at VWFS

Helping OAPs survive cold wintry weather

AN APPEAL to support vulnerable and older people affected by fuel poverty has been launched.

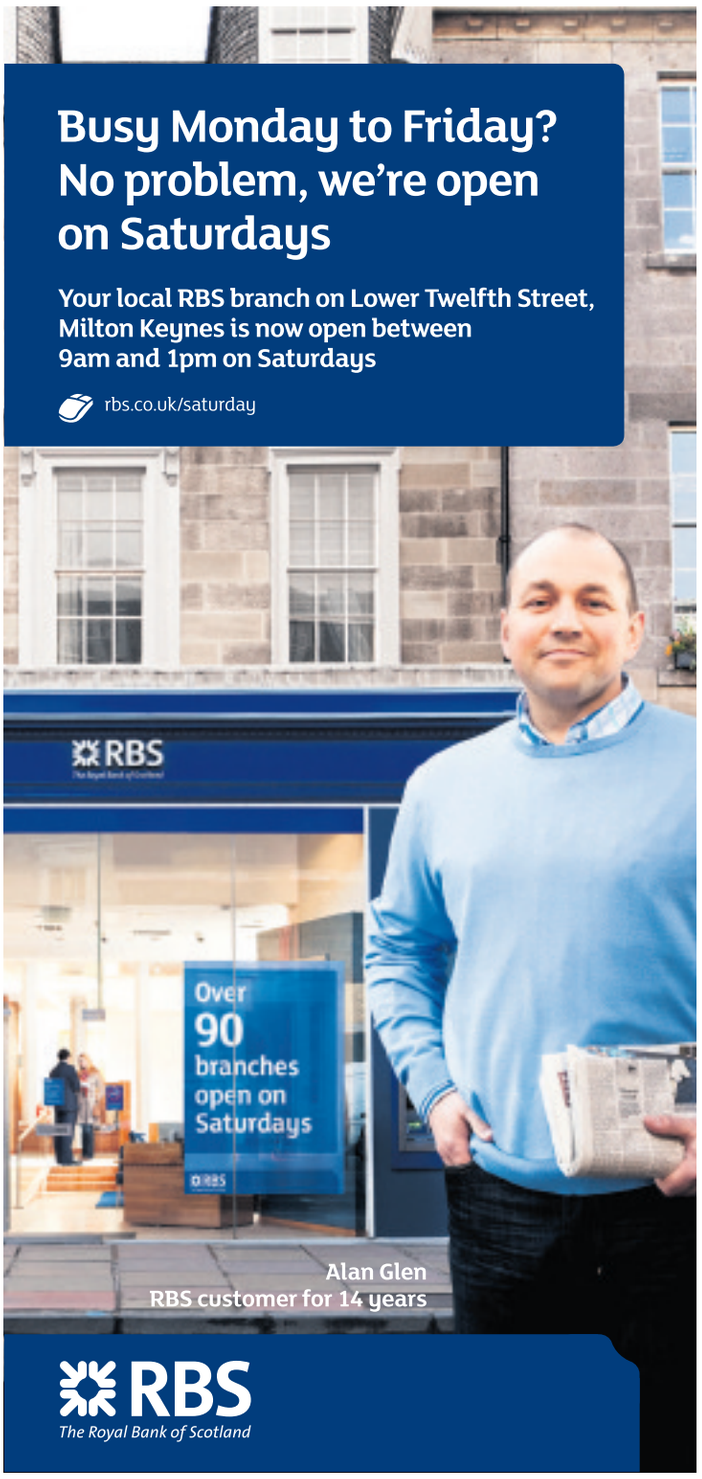
MK Community Foundation is running the Surviving Winter Appeal for the city, which launched this month with backing from Sir Terry Wogan and Sir David Jason.

Surviving Winter, which began last year, was inspired by people who wanted to donate their Winter Fuel Payment from the Government to support vulnerable people who are less fortunate than themselves.

The foundation is asking people over 60 who do not rely on the payment if they could pledge to do the same, but everyone is urged to support this cause by donating whatever they can afford to www.mkcommunityfoundation.co.uk or call 01908 690276.

This year's Winter Fuel Payments are due for dispatch later this month.

MK councillor and vice-president for the MK Community Foundation, Debbie Brock, said: "This is a fantastic campaign that will help those in need of added assistance during the cold winter months. I whole heartedly support it and would encourage those who are able to participate."



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Centre reaches 500,000 tonne recycling landmark

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE city's recycling facility processed its 500,000th tonne of materials last week.

At midday last Tuesday, Milton Keynes Council's Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Old Wolverton passed the landmark amount.

The MRF was recommissioned on March 15, 2006, following a devastating fire a year before and processes recycling 24 hours a day, except for Saturdays and Sundays.

MRF manager Alex Cutts, of Community Waste Recycling Ltd which operates the facility on behalf of the council and sorts and sells the recyclable materials, said: "We are extremely proud to have reached this landmark in a relatively short time.

"Innovations in technology mean we are now able to process more materials than ever, helping to increase production, saving valuable materials from landfill."

The MRF is a state-of-the-art facility and uses a range of technologies to sort recyclables by their physical and chemical properties - shape, size, weight, magnetism and light absorption.

MRF senior operations manager Steve Pemberton, *pictured above,* said: "Achieving this milestone is a reflection of all the hard work by the whole team at Community Waste Recycling.

"I would also like to extend my thanks to all the residents of Milton Keynes for their continued support and dedication to recycling."

The recyclables pass through a series of machines, each designed to remove a different material, until eventually only a small amount of rubbish remains on the conveyor belts.

Due to the size and efficiency of the MRF, Community Waste also has capacity to sort materials from the neighbouring local authorities of Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire.

Andy Hudson, the council's head of environment and waste, added: "We would like to thank the residents of Milton Keynes and surrounding areas for continuing to recycle so much of their waste, meaning we can now set our sights on reaching the one million tonne mark in the not too distant future.

"This not only helps the environment, but also creates an income for the council, helping to keep council tax down for us all."

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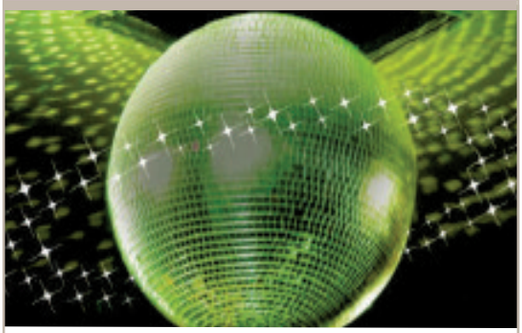
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Toni is in the pink for cancer charity

BY GEORGINA BUTLER
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ONE member of staff at a city salon is still displaying her efforts to support Breakthrough Breast Cancer Care after dying her hair bright pink.

The Regis Salon, located in Sunset Walk, Milton Keynes, turned pink to fundraise for the charity as part of October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month and team member Toni Karruthers took the extra step to dye her hair pink to raise additional funds.

Staff at the salon sold pink donuts and Breakthrough Breast Cancer badges throughout the month, as well as holding various 'dress pink' days.

Regis will donate £10 from the sale of every pair of ghd Pink Orchid Limited Edition stylers, which are designed exclusively every year to raise funds for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Sarah Griffiths, manager at Regis Milton Keynes, said: "We have been working hard to raise as much money as possible, while having fun in the salon.

"We've been helping to raise money for Breakthrough Breast Cancer through the sales of the limited edition ghd stylers for five years, but this year we really wanted to step up and do more to help support this vital cause.

"Each year 48,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer, so it's important to continue supporting. The money we raise will go directly towards Breakthrough's vital life-saving work."

Regis Salon team member Toni Karruthers

Free drop-in dental check-ups on offer

FAMILIES are being reminded of the free dental drop-in sessions which are taking place at Sure Start Children's Centres.

The sessions offer a free dental check-up for children, who do not currently have an NHS dentist, and give their parents the chance of receiving general oral health advice and a chat with a dentist.

Sessions will take place on November 15 from 1.30-4.30pm at Pebbles Sure Start Children's Centre, Newlyn Place, Fishermead; November 16 from 1-4pm at Conniburrow Sure Start Children's Centre, Germander Primary School, Germander Place, Conniburrow; and December 7 from 9.30am-12.30pm at Hedgerows Sure Start Centre, Playzone, Netherfield.

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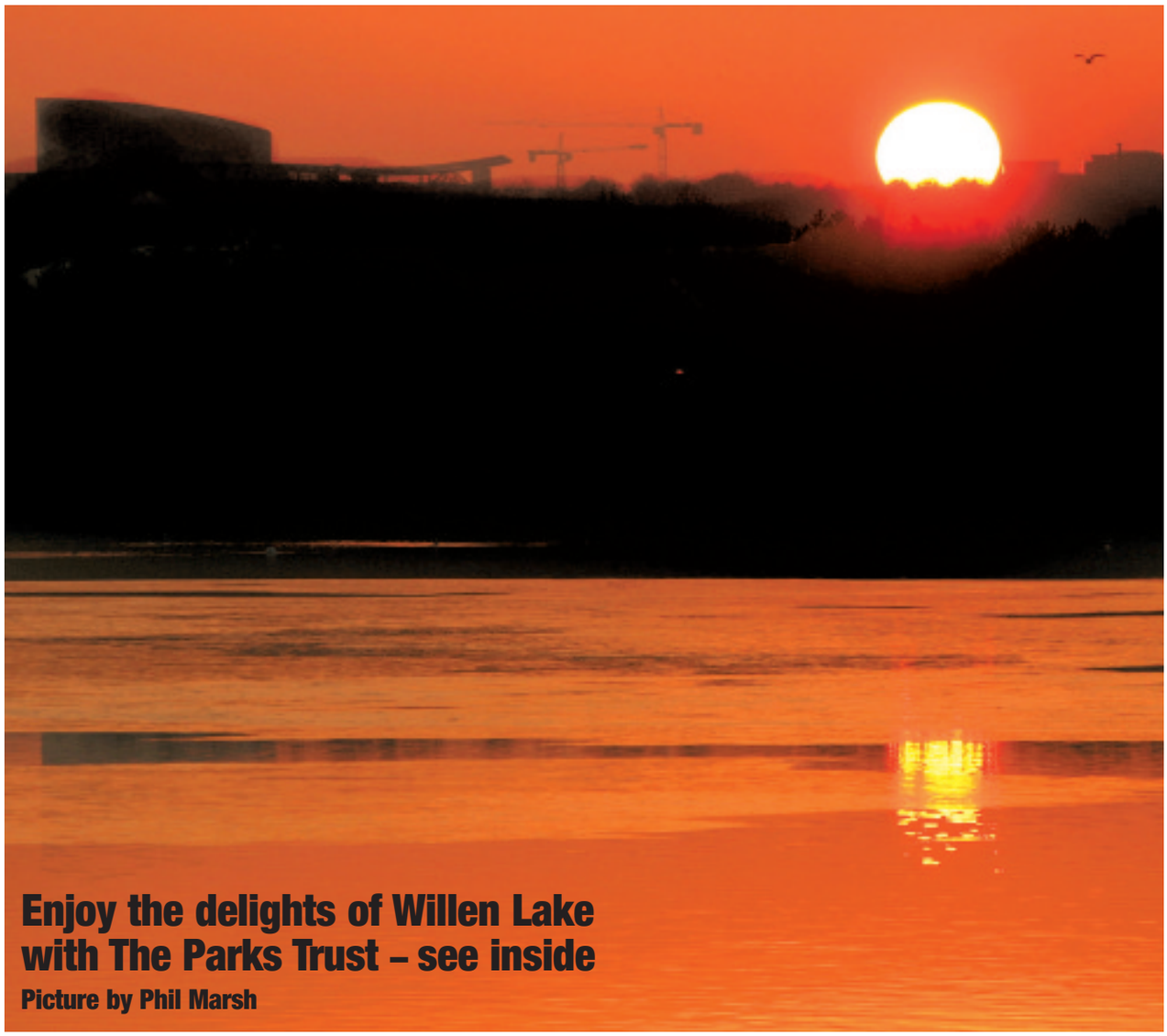

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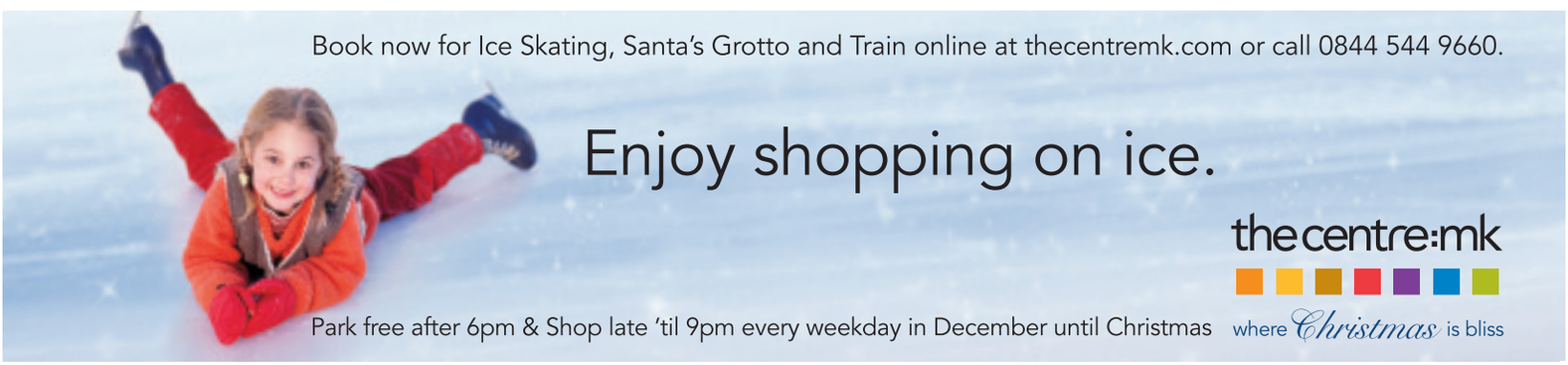

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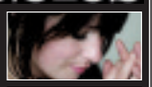

Friday 11 November, 8pm
HOT CLUB OF COWTOWN
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Sunday 13 November, 8pm
PETER WHITE
One of the most versatile and prolific acoustic guitarists on the contemporary jazz landscape.
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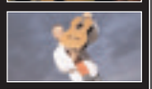

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Tuesday 15 November, 8pm
THE LUCINDA BELLE ORCHESTRA
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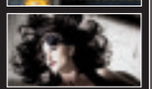

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Caro Emerald

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Couldn't agree more, it's like you can't move around the Top 40 these days without bumping into Netherlands-based jazz warblers.

Perhaps one day a manufactured boy band will finally sell enough singles to restore at least a little sanity to the charts, but until then there's this, and a happy little ray of sunshine it is too.

In fact, I'd even go so far as to describe it as 'jaunty'.

There's no big message that the song's desperate to get across, which is probably a good thing because the melody isn't earnest enough to carry it off, but do you know something, I actually like this song. Makes a nice change that does.

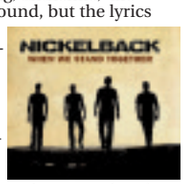
WHEN WE STAND TOGETHER

Nickelback

THIS week, it's the turn of Nickelback to inform the human race of its limitations and weaknesses.

Makes sense when you think about it; after all, they've already done a number on the machinations of the music industry (remember Rockstar?) so if Chad Kroeger and his mates were going to hop back up on their soapbox for another tilt, they'd have to aim even bigger next time round.

So, this is Nickelback's chosen method and it goes along the lines of 'Bad things happen and nobody does anything about it, so why don't we all get together and we'll win!'



See, this is where the song falls down.

It's got a big, anthemic, 'life-affirming' sound, but the lyrics don't actually say anything other than 'we want to make the world a better place but we are open to suggestions as to how'.

Blimey, if the people behind Occupy Wall Street and London had found themselves needing to use Nickelback's latest single as their rallying cry that'd say an awful lot about the state of the world today, none of it good.

They didn't though, so if ever a song found itself so comprehensively overtaken by events, this is surely it.

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THE LUCINDA BELLE ORCHESTRA

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SCREAMING BLUE MURDER

Wednesday, November 16, 8.45pm. Stage2

COMPERE Andrew Bird introduces rising star Stuart Black and headliner Robert White. May contain strong language and adult material. Suitable for those aged 16-plus. Café in2 open until 8pm.

Tickets £10 in advance, or £12 on the door

MIDDLETON HALL, THECENTRE:MK

LIVING Heritage will be holding a Craft Experience in Middleton Hall at thecentre:mk from tomorrow.

With more than 20 years experience of organising shows, Living Heritage always comes up with fantastic ideas for you to enjoy.

The new look craft show will have demonstrations, from patchwork and silk painting, to pyrography and walking stick making.

The ever popular Make and Take Section, where enthusiastic children can have a go at various different skills, will be available so youngsters can make that extra special Christmas present.

Along with variety of craft stalls, that include jewellery, leather, wood and artworks, there will be a huge food section with traditionally made produce from cheeses to jams and pies.

Whether you are looking for fantastic oils, or the perfect tipple for the holiday period then a trip to Middleton Hall is a must as there will be the chance to try before you buy.

The Living Heritage Craft Experience runs from tomorrow until Sunday during thecentre:mk's normal opening hours.

So make sure you leave yourself plenty of time to 'shop until you drop'.

FROSTS, WOBURN SANDS

SANTA Claus will be flying in to officially launch Christmas at Frosts Garden Centre on Saturday.

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Rinaldo will be performed tomorrow, La boheme on Friday and Don pasquale today and Saturday.

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Strictly Gershwin

STRICTLY GERSHWIN

Tuesday-Saturday, November 19

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The timeless classics are combined with Derek Deane's choreography and Roberta Guidi di Bagno's designs to conjure up the Hollywood genius and glamour of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

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SCRATCH NIGHT

GAIT: Contemporary Dance

Tomorrow, 6.30pm

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The clever bit is that from this they build complex algorithms to translate this immense numeric data into something more than just information, providing answers on how neurological conditions like Parkinson's or strokes can be treated.

For the last year they have been working with science artist Dr Ryan Pink and international dance choreographer Helen Parlor to hold workshops for patients, academics, artists and children to explore the dialogue of movement.

As one of the outcomes of this exchange, the team has created a dance piece to exemplify the fascination of movement science, its benefits and the issues patients with neurological disorders have to face every day.

The music for the piece is scored using digital data that is hard wired directly in from the patient readings using a medical movement-tracking tool (GAIT sensor).

The event will combine talks by Ms Parlor, Dr Pink and Prof Dawes on the project, followed by a presentation of the dance piece and a Q&A session.

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Saturday, November 19, 7.30pm

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The Longueville Little Theatre Company (LLTC) has signed up to the Royal Shakespeare Comany's Open Stages project and placed the play on the back lot of a 1950s Hollywood-style film studio, where Robin Hood and other films of the time are in production.

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single men

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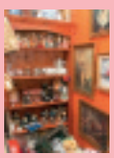

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A view of Willen Lake looking towards the Peace Pagoda

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The South lake, managed by Whitecap Leisure on behalf of The Parks Trust, has a great calendar of events including the colourful dragon boat racing, charity fun runs, final of the national Jet skiing competition and next year will host a major portion of the first Milton Keynes marathon.

But did you know that Willen Lake is actually made up of two lakes, and that by walking just a little further you can discover a haven of tranquility just minutes from the great activities at South Willen Lake?

North Willen Lake, connected by footpath and redway to the South Lake, lies to the north of the H5 Portway and has its own free car park off the V10 Brickhill Street.

It's home to the Peace Pagoda and provides a haven of tranquility that attracts an amazingly rich and varied bird population. A walk around the lake is about one-and-a-half miles and has plenty of features to enjoy.

In the centre of the lake is a small island – this provides a home for many ground nesting birds and regular visitors include ducks, geese and other waterbirds such as redshank and common tern.

Since the lake was created in 1973, it has been adapted and improved to provide the best possible habitat for birdlife, and in winter its bird population swells with the arrival of over-wintering waterfowl.

Next to the Peace Pagoda is the Japanese temple – home to the Nipponzan Myohoji monks and a inspirational garden free to visit for all. This corner of the park is home to the One World cedar tree planted above the temple to celebrate the first Earth Summit in 1992 and a circle of small standing stones.

At the north east corner of the lake the path leads to Willen village, the 17th century church of St Mary Magdalene, the Priory and Willen Hospice.

To discover more about Willen Lake and your other local parks visit www.theparkstrust.com.

CRAUFURD ARMS

YOUNG KNIVES

Thursday, November 17, 7.30pm

YOUNG Knives may well have come to light in the midst of the guitar pop explosion of 2005, but the trio from Ashby-De-La-Zouch always stood to one side of the rekindled Britpop of their peers.

With a bite and aggression to early hit singles like She's Attracted To, The Decision and Weekends And Bleak Days (Hot Summer) it suggested influences more akin to The Fall and Wire as opposed to the The Kinks or Beatles.

The band built a deserved reputation for incendiary live performances while their gold certified album Voices Of Animals And Men pointed to a desire to move beyond the then all popular rehashed beat pop.

A knack for wrapping pop hooks within their music suggested a set of minds finely balanced between the joy of the immediate pop song and the long-term pleasure of a more intellectual approach to their art.

Voices Of Animals And Men cemented Young Knives' place in the hearts and minds of the UK pop cognoscenti.

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HEART FM COLUMN

BREAKFAST show presenters Stuart and Natalie wake you up each weekday morning on Heart FM and write to you each week in MK NEWS.

We've had a surprising amount of 'bromances' on the show this week as Coldplay's Chris Martin flew into the UK from the US for the Q Awards to give Gary Barlow the Q Songwriter Award.

Chris it seems is a Take That fan telling us: "When I was small boy I saw two groups of men that excited me, one was U2 and the other was five handsome young dancers from Stoke and Manchester.

"It turns out 20 years later he's a classic songwriter. Who'd have thought."

Chris Martin was obviously in a playful mood as he went on to talk about Rhianna, who Coldplay have collaborated with their new album.

Chris said: "She's very ugly and quite grumpy but we got past both those hurdles.

"She's the best singer in the world and we decided that's what our album needs, so we asked her, she said yes and we're grateful."

We're hoping Rhianna has a sense of humour when she hears this.

Now Noel Gallagher has recently admitted to watching X Factor with his daughter. We asked him how he'd stop X Factor's audience figures from dropping? What would he tell Mr Cowell?

Noel is a fan or Mr C, of course, and would tell him: "Get back on the show cause he's the biggest thing about the show and it's no surprise that the ratings have plummeted cause he's not on it."

Finally we come to the bromance between Simon Pegg and Nick Frost, who both are starring in Tintin.

Simon told us: "People seem to imaging we live in a big shoe, all the time together, but we don't.

"We live in different parts of the city, both have families now so we really only get to see each other six months a year." Aahh.

Stuart and Natalie present Heart Breakfast, Monday to Friday from 6-10am on Heart 103.3FM.

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DAILY LIFE

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SKATE Skool. Learn to board on the World Famous Buszy Skate Plaza, taught by MK's best skaters. Pads, helmets and boards all provided. From 10am-noon, £2 per session, pay as you go.

STONY Stratford Art Society. Annual exhibition of paintings and crafts at the gallery in the Age UK Shop, High Street. Affordable crafts and paintings to buy. The exhibition will be open from 9am-5pm daily, except for Sundays, until November 26, free.

CHRISTMAS bazaar and jumble sale, Greenleys Community Centre, run by Milton Keynes MS Society. Good quality clothing, children's toys, handmade items, including babies/toddlers clothes, aprons, dolls clothes, shopping bags and peg bags. From 11am-2pm.

CHRISTMAS present fair, Christ the Sower School, Grange Farm. Many exciting stalls, jewellery, books, craft, nail art, jams, bags, raffle, tombolas, cards, cakes etc. Lots to entertain the children from 11am-2pm. Adults 50p, children free.

LEARN to meditate, Friends Meeting House, The Well, Newport Road, Willen. A day exploring the nature of our awareness and practicing four Buddhist meditations aimed at those new to meditation, 10am-4pm. Cost £35 (concessions available). For more details visit www.buddhismandmeditation.co.uk.

JUGGLING convention, Kingsbrook School, Deanshanger. An excuse for jugglers, unicyclists and object manipulators to get together and have fun. Workshops, games and a show, £8. More details at www.mkjc.co.uk.

HULA Animal Rescue, Winter Warmer. Grab early Christmas bargins, meet rescued animals. Admission £2 for adults, children free, 1-3.30pm. Donations of tinned pet food and cat litter always welcome. South Midlands Animal Sanctuary, Glebe Farm, Salford Road, Aspley Guise.

LANTERN workshop, York House Centre, London Road, Stony Stratford, 10am-1pm. Get creative and make your lantern ready for the Lantern Procession at the lights switch-on on Saturday, November 26. For more details contact 01908 563361, or www.york-house.org.uk.

SEVEN mile circular walk via Wellbury, Pegsdon, and Telegraph Hill with MK Ramblers. Meet at the Windmill pub car park, Caldecotte Lake, at 10am for car share to Great Offley. Take along a packed lunch. No dogs, more details from 01908 564055.

NO HOT Ashes, The White Horse, Stony Stratford. Good party-time covers band back by popular demand for another dustbin full of burning covers. From 9-11pm, free entry.

SUNDAY

MK RAMBLERS' 11-12 linear walk of North Bucks Way from Wolverton to Great Horwood. Meet at 8am at Emerson Valley meeting place. Half empty cars essential. More details from 07743 133858.

ORIENTEERING. Learn how to use a map while having fun in the parks. Run by South Midlands Orienteering Club. Meet in the Peace Pagoda car park, V10 Brickhill Street, Willen Lake, 10am to noon, £3 entry.

WOUGHTON Leisure Centre. Enjoy a pint and some live music in the theatre. This week's band is Spaced Out. Starts at 1pm, free entry, families welcome.

EASY Riders' 20-mile cycle tour of the woods within Milton Keynes. A series of bike rides organised by Cyclists Touring Club and Sustrans. Meet at Westcroft Library, Howe Park Wood, 10am-1pm, free.

MONDAY

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OPEN Film Society, London River. After terrorist attacks in London, two people come to find their children. A Christian woman from Guernsey and a French Muslim start their search hopefully, but it is beset by prejudice and despair. Showing 6.15 and 8.45pm, Old Lecture Theatre, Walton Hall.

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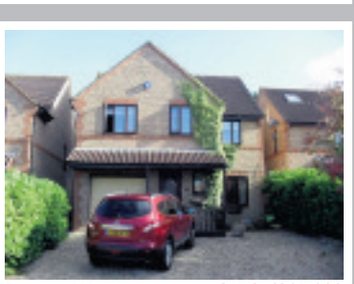

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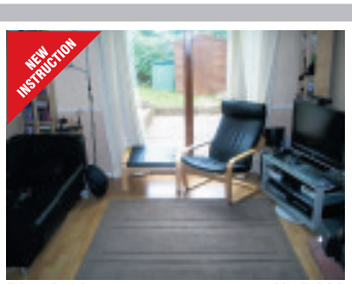

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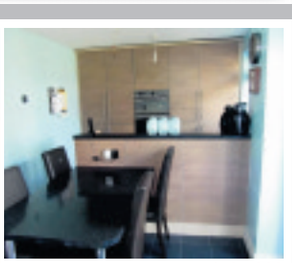

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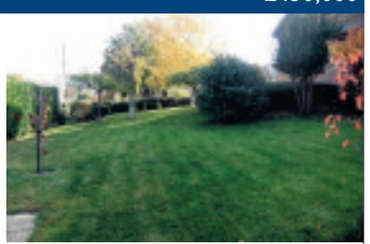

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Tea shop bags top prize in national industry awards

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A TEA shop in the city centre has scooped a prestigious gong as part of awards dubbed the Michelin stars of the coffee industry.

The Tea Monkey, in Midsummer Place, won Best Tea in the annual Beverage Standards Association (BSA) Awards.

Through these awards, the BSA has introduced the first UK-wide national grading scheme in beverages, from one to five cups.

For the first time, the public will be able to access coffee shops in the same way as restaurants by seeing how many coffee cups an outlet has been awarded, or by seeing if they've won a Best Drink Award.

Tracey Bovingdon, who runs Tea Monkey and received an engraved plate and certificate, said: "I'm over the moon. This is a fantastic achievement especially as we've only been open since March."

There are more than 40 varieties of tea on offer in her shop, which is mostly loose leaf. Tracey has also set up Charitea Begins at Home to raise funds for charities and support groups.

Brewing marvellous: Tracey Bovingdon with her engraved plate

Ranald Paterson, chairman of the judges of the BSA Awards, said: "Tea Monkey was described as superb by all four visiting judges.

"Outstanding was the range and quality of teas available, the presentation and the expert knowledge of staff. Their challenge for 2012 is to raise their other drink standards to that of tea. Do this and they will justify a Five Cup Rating standard."

House of Fraser set to reveal its new-look store

HOUSE of Fraser in thecentre:mk is about to complete a major £4.5million refurbishment, with a relaunch due to take place tomorrow.

The 72,000 sq ft anchor store has undergone a significant upgrade, including a full interior refit with an extended shop floor and glass entrance.

In addition to the structural and interior changes, there have also been a number of new fashion brands introduced, as well as a new home department.

The newly-refurbished store now includes 'world of shoes' and 'world of accessories' departments, premium concepts which have proved successful in House of Fraser's flagship stores.

Fashion labels such as Armani Jeans, Tommy Hilfiger, Firetrap and Office Shoes have been added to the store's fashion mix, with a new complimentary personal shopping service with private suite being introduced.

The beauty hall has also undergone a complete renovation

The development, which began in July, has seen the interior of the store completely redesigned to create a more effective use of space.

Steve Bluff, general manager, said: "This is the first major refurbishment since the store opened and I'm proud to say the transformation is incredible.

"The store looks absolutely stunning and the customer feedback has been really overwhelming.

"We look forward to welcoming our regular and new customers over the Christmas period."

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Fundraisers are Big Wigs

A GROUP of solicitors in training from Woodfines have entered St John's Hospice's Big Wigs business challenge, and kicked off their fundraising efforts with a Hallowe'en Bake Sale for staff on Monday, October 31.

The Big Wigs business challenge has been set up by Sue Ryder Care in aid of St John's Hospice. The hospice has given the group a £50 investment fund and challenged them to use their innovation and entrepreneurial skills to raise as much money for Sue Ryder Care as possible by the end of January.

New salon open after fire

THE mayor and mayoress attended the opening of a new Nails Hair & Beauty Salon at Lloyds Court on Friday.

Tweedy and Tara, Vietnamese sisters and partners in the salon, previously had a booth in Milton Keynes market which was destroyed in the fire two years ago.

The mayor complimented the sisters on the new salon and wished them luck for the future.

New estate, new tenants

TWO new tenants have moved in following the completion of an extensive £2million refurbishment project at Stacey Bushes Industrial Estate.

Universities Superannuation Scheme has announced new lettings to manufacturing firm Bizerba and Western Power Distribution, who have signed ten and 15-year leases respectively.

PA Rachel gets top gong

RACHEL Andrews, an administration executive from Milton Keynes, has been named as a runner-up in the 14th annual Britain's Next Top PA Awards by Office Angels, the office and secretarial recruitment consultancy.

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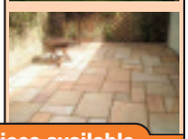

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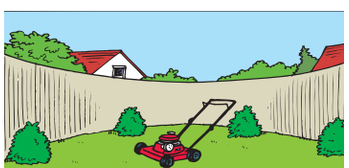
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
(BARTON LE CLAY: PART OF FOOTPATH NO 9)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

Central Bedfordshire

Notice is hereby given that Central Bedfordshire Council have made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any person proceeding on foot along the length of Footpath No 9, Barton Le Clay which extends from Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OS GR) TL 0784 3096 south, then south east to OS GR TL 0789 3088 then south to OS GR TL 0789 3083.

This temporary closure is required to enable construction works to take place. The closure is expected to continue from 15 November 2011 until 16 May 2012.

There is no alternative route for Footpath users while the closure is in operation.

The Order will come into operation on 15 November 2011 for a period not exceeding six months or until the works which it is proposed to carry out on or near to have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within six months the Order may be extended for a longer period with the consent of the Secretary of State for Transport.

For further information please contact Gemma Harrison, Central Bedfordshire Council, Tel: 0300 300 6574

Dated 9 November 2011

David Leverington, Rights of Way Team Leader
Technology House, Ampthill Road, Bedford MK42 9BD

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Licensing Act 2003
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE/CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

NOTICE is hereby given that: Turtle Bay Restaurants has applied to THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a VARIATION OF THE PREMISES LICENCE/ CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE At: 5 Mortimer Square, The Hub, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK9 2FP.

The proposed variation(s) are: Late Night Refreshments Monday to Thursday 23:00 to 23:30 Friday to Saturday 23:00 to 00:00, Except on New Years Eve 23:00 to 05:00 New Years Eve, Supply of alcohol, Mon-Thur 11.00:00am, Fri-Sat 11:00-01:00, Sunday 11:00-23:00. Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursday between the hours of 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing Representations received in response to this application will be made available for public inspection in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety. or protection of children from harm.) Residents making representations must live in the vicinity of the premise. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine of £5,000 is liable on summary conviction for the offence. Any interested party or responsible authority wishing to make representations in respect of this application must do so in writing by 1st December 2011: To the following address: LICENSING TEAM, ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE,MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL, CIVIC OFFICES, 1 SAXONGATE EAST, MILTON KEYNES MK9 3EJ 01908 252800 email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Dated this 1st day of November.

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

(WEST STREET, DUNSTABLE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER NO.2 2011

Central Bedfordshire

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of West Street, Dunstable which extends from the A5 to the B4541 Whipsnade Road.

This temporary closure is required to enable surfacing works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place over TWO WEEKENDS between 26th November and 5th December 2011. The road will be closed from 6am on Saturdays to 6am on Mondays. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed on B4541 Whipsnade Rd, continuing on Dunstable Rd, Whipsnade to roundabout with B4540. Take 1st exit and continue on B4540 to the A5. Turn left and continue north on A5 to the A505 West St and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 26th November 2011 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

DATED 9th November 2011.

Basil Jackson, Assistant Director for Highways Central Bedfordshire Council, Technology House, Ampthill Road, Bedford MK42 9BD.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

(DUNSTABLE: PART OF FOOTPATH NO 1 AND HOUGHTON REGIS PART OF FOOTPATH NO 5)

(BOTH PART OF NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK ROUTE 6)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

Central Bedfordshire

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any person proceeding on foot and cycle along the lengths of:

1) Part of Footpath No 1, Dunstable and National Cycle Network Route 6 from its junction with the pathway from Crabtree Way which extends from Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OS GR) TL 0169 2232 (Map Point A) for a distance of approx 368m in a generally northerly direction to its junction with Public Footpath No 5, Houghton Regis at OS GR TL 0176 2268 (Map Point B)

2) Part of Footpath No 5, Houghton Regis and National Cycle Network Route 6 from its junction with Public Footpath No 1 at OS GR TL 0176 2268 (Map Point B) for a distance of approx 80m to its junction with the footpath and cycle access from Arenson Way at OS GR TL 0177 2276 (Map Point C)

These temporary closures are required to enable the demolition of the existing footbridge and the installation of a new bridge over the disused railway line for the Luton Dunstable Busway. The closure is expected to take place from the 1 December 2011 for up to six months.

The alternative route for users while the closure is in operation will be:

From the junction with the pathway to Crabtree Way at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OS GR) TL 0169 2232 (Map Point A) take the paved path in front of the Grove Theatre to Court Drive opposite the Asda store. Turn left at Court Drive and follow the cycle route alongside Court Drive and Kingsway past Central Bedfordshire College. Cross the next road and follow the footpath/cycleway alongside this road over the disused railway line to the designated crossing point. Then follow the cycle route alongside the works to Arenson Way. Then turn left into the turning head of Arenson Way to link into the footpath/cycleway which links into Public Footpath No 5 and the cycleway at OS GR TL 0177 2276 (Map Point C) and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 1 December 2011 for a period not exceeding six months or until the works which it is proposed to carry out on or near to the footpath have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within six months the Order may be extended for a longer period with the consent of the Secretary of State for Transport.

For further information please contact Michelle Flynn, Central Bedfordshire Council, Tel: 0300 300 6072

Dated 9th November 2011

David Leverington, Rights of Way Team Leader
Technology House, Ampthill Road, Bedford MK42 9BD.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FOOTWAY AND ACCESS STEPS TO THE REAR OF NUMBERS 1-3 MARKET HILL, EAGLESTONE)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 9 November 2011 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to enable works to repair a collapsed retaining wall and raised footpath to be carried out. The effect of the Order is to temporarily prohibit all access to and along the footway and access steps which run between the northern end of the car park and garages situated on Forest Rise and the southern boundary walls of numbers 1 to 3 Market Hill, Eaglestone, Milton Keynes commencing at the south-western boundary line of number 3 Market Hill and continuing in a general easterly direction to the south-eastern boundary line of number 1 Market Hill to the rear of the garages, a distance of approximately 27 metres. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will remain in effect from 10 November 2011 until 10 February 2012.

Whilst the footway and access steps are closed the alternative pedestrian routes will be as follows:- Proceeding from the western side of the closure to the car park and garages on Forest Rise continue north along the footpath for a distance of approximately 15 metres, then turn right onto footpath fronting properties 1 to 3 Market Hill and continue for a distance of approximately 30 metres in a general easterly direction, then turn right onto market Hill and continue for a distance of approximately 34 metres in a general southerly direction, then right onto Forest Rise and continue for a distance of approximately 15 metres in a westerly direction, then right into the car park.

Proceeding from the eastern side of the closure to the car park and garages on Forest Rise continue south along Market Hill for a distance of approximately 15 metres, then turn right onto Forest Rise and continue for a distance of approximately 15 metres in a westerly direction, then right into the car park.

Proceeding from the car park and garages on Forest Rise to the eastern side of the closure turn left out of the southern entrance to the car park onto Forest Rise and continue for a distance of approximately 15 metres in a general easterly direction, then turn left onto Market Hill and continue for a distance of approximately 15 metres in a general northerly direction.

The Order comes into operation on 10 November 2011 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The Order has the effect of revoking the Order entitled The Council Of The Borough Of Milton Keynes (Railed Footway (Part) And Access Steps To The Rear Of Numbers 2-3 Market Hill, Eaglestone) (Temporary Closure) Order 2010 which came into effect on 10 December 2010.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 9th November 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(PARTS OF BRIDLEWAY NUMBER 12 CLIFTON REYNES AND BRIDLEWAY NUMBER 16, LAVENDON AT LAVENDON MILL SLUICE, CLIFTON REYNES)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because repair and replacement works are to be carried out to Lavendon Mill Sluice, Clifton Reynes, Milton Keynes.

The effect of this will be to temporarily prohibit access to those parts of Bridleway Number 12 Clifton Reynes (to the south) and Bridleway Number 16 Lavendon (to the north) which run for a distance of approximately 50 metres either side of Lavendon Mill Sluice, together with those parts of the above bridleways which run across Lavendon Mill Sluice. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from 21 November 2011 until 9 March 2012 inclusive. The bridleways may be opened sooner if the works are complete and it is safe to do so.

Due to the excessive length of any diversion there will be no alternative route.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the order**.**

The proposed order will come into operation on 21 November 2011 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 6 months or until the said works have been completed.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 9th November 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS, NEW BRADWELL) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 9 November 2011 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order, which comes into effect on 10 November 2011, will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects within parts of roads within New Bradwell, Milton Keynes:-

1. The introduction of 2 hour limited waiting restrictions and no return within 1 hour from Monday to Friday between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm along part of the north side of Newport Road (the slip road);
2. The introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions along parts of the north and south sides of Newport Road (the slip road);
3. The introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions along parts of the north, south, east and west sides of St Peters Way.

Exemptions from the Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the Order together with maps showing the areas referred to along with a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Wolverton Library, Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 9th November 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS, MIDDLETON) (RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING AREA) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 8th November 2011, made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects:

The introduction of a residents permit parking area within various roads in Middleton, Milton Keynes, which will introduce permit parking for holders of a valid resident's permit, visitor's permit or carer's permit operational the whole 24 hours of every day, in the entire lengths of Digby Croft and Ladymeadow Court, Middleton.

The introduction of resident's permits, visitor's permits and carer's permits for use within the roads located within the permit parking area at Middleton, Milton Keynes. There will be no charge for the issue of these permits.

The Order will take effect from the 10th November 2011.

All motor vehicles are affected by this Order except for motorcycles and mopeds.

Exemptions from the Order include: emergency service vehicles, statutory undertakers, some loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the Order as made, together with a map showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Kingston Library, Kingston Community Centre, 11 Winchester Circle, Kingston and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Please quote reference P&E/1758/TRO/3898/WL.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 9th November 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(PARTS OF BRIDLEWAY NUMBER 12 CLIFTON REYNES AND BRIDLEWAY NUMBER 16, LAVENDON AT LAVENDON MILL SLUICE, CLIFTON REYNES)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because repair and replacement works are to be carried out to Lavendon Mill Sluice, Clifton Reynes, Milton Keynes.

The effect of this will be to temporarily prohibit access to those parts of Bridleway Number 12 Clifton Reynes (to the south) and Bridleway Number 16 Lavendon (to the north) which run for a distance of approximately 50 metres either side of Lavendon Mill Sluice, together with those parts of the above bridleways which run across Lavendon Mill Sluice. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from 21 November 2011 until 9 March 2012 inclusive. The bridleways may be opened sooner if the works are complete and it is safe to do so.

Due to the excessive length of any diversion there will be no alternative route.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the order**.**

The proposed order will come into operation on 21 November 2011 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 6 months or until the said works have been completed.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 9th November 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS, TWO MILE ASH) (SPECIFIC PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 9th November 2011 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will come into effect on 10th November 2011 and will affect parts of roads within Two Mile Ash, Milton Keynes:-

1. The introduction of disabled persons' parking places facility in part of High Street;
2. The introduction of ambulance parking places facility in part of High Street (the northern accessway).

All classes of vehicles are affected by the Order. Exemptions include emergency services vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons' badge holders and some others.

Copies of the Order together with maps showing the areas referred to along with the Council's statement of reasons for making the order may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on any working day, at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes during normal opening hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act, or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High court for that purpose.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 9th November 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(BROUGHTON)
(20 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION ZONE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make the above named order under sections 82(2) & 83(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act). The proposed order will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effect:

The introduction of 20 mph speed restriction zone at Broughton, Milton Keynes, which will impose a 20 mph speed limit, along that part of Tanfield Lane, Broughton from its junction with Milton Road to its junction with Tongwell Street V11. As well as along the whole length of each of the following roads within Broughton, Milton Keynes: Ambergate, Ardley Mews, Bewdley Grove, Bicton Chase, Blue Anchor Avenue, Bulmer Close, Butterfly Gate, Cadeby Court, Cavan Way, Chasewater Crescent, Clipstone Brook Way, Corris court, Culver Avenue, Dean Forest Way, Eskdale Way, Ferry Meadows Close, Fresh Field Avenue, Goodrington Place, Hanworth Croft, Highley Grove, Hunsbury Chase, Kelling Way, Kemsley Crescent, Kingsmear Drive, Laxfield Drive, London Road, Maypool Way, Milton Road, Oakworth Avenue, Oxenhope Way, Paignton Way, Pye Bridge End, Radstock Crescent, Ravenglass Croft, Ropley Way, Seaton Grove, Shackerstone Close, Staverton Grove, Swanwick Lane, Ulverston Crescent, Weybourne Road.

Exemptions from the proposed Order include: emergency service vehicles, military services vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation and some others.

A copy of the proposed order, the Council's statement of reasons for proposing the order and a map showing the lengths of roads referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3HG. Please quote reference number P&E 003771/PB.

Any objections to the proposal together with the grounds on which they are made must be **made in writing (not by email),** quoting the above reference, and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 30th November**.**

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 9th November 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (WOLVERTON ROAD (PART), WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends not later than seven days from the date of this notice make an Order under Section 14(1) and 14 (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order will affect all vehicles and will have the following effects:-

To temporarily impose a one way traffic flow system by prohibiting all vehicles from proceeding along Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton other than in a northerly direction.

Whilst the one way traffic system is in effect the alternative route for southbound traffic will be to proceed via the V6 Grafton Street in a south easterly direction to Stonebridge Roundabout, then turn right onto the Newport Road to the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station.

To temporarily impose a 30mph speed limit restriction along that part of Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton.

To temporarily introduce 25 unrestricted free parking bays along that part of the eastern kerbline of Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton.

The provision of these temporary parking bays is to accommodate commuter parking whilst the Wolverton railway station car park is redeveloped.

BUSES

For the duration of the Order whilst the restrictions are in force, the bus stop located on the east side of Wolverton Road will be temporarily suspended from use and relocated to the existing bus stop west of the railway bridge on Stratford Road, Wolverton.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary restrictions are necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely, redevelopment works to Wolverton Railway Station. It is anticipated that the temporary restrictions will come into effect from Monday 21st November 2011 until Monday 30th April 2012, inclusive.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order except for emergency service vehicles and military service vehicles on operational duties.

The proposed Order will come into operation on the 21st November 2011 and the restrictions will be in force when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

Any person committing a breach of any movement restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Any person committing a breach of any waiting restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon issue of such penalty charge as prescribed by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

Philip McCourt, 9th November 2011
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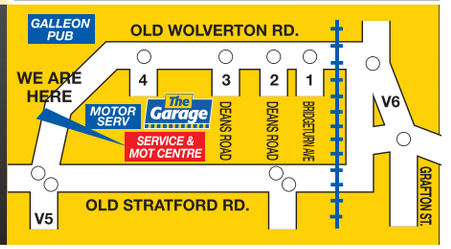

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LOCAL FOOTBALL

MK SUNDAY LEAGUE

STONY Stratford kept up their 100 per cent record with a 6-3 win against Padbury AFC.

A hat-trick from Lee White, a brace from Darryl Wilson and a strike by David Cole did the damage for Stony but they don't yet top the division.

That honour goes to Willen who remain on the summit after a 1-1 draw with Great Mile Ash, but they are now only one point ahead of Stony who have two games in hand on their rivals.

CS Athletic kept in touch of the top two with a 4-1 win against Kings Arms and Trade 2U defeated LC Lifesearch 7-3.

In Division One Olney Town still lead at the after their tight 1-0 victory against Stantonbury The Manor.

However, they only head the table on goals scored from Stantonbury Social B who were in fine form with an 8-0 win against MK Legends and still have a game in hand.

FC MMIX won 6-1 against Buckingham Utd and Stacey Bushes defeated New City Saints 5-0.

A second half free kick scored by Lewis Gray was the difference between AFC Santander and MK United,which meant AFC went away 1-0 winners.

In the Berks and Bucks FA Sunday Junior Cup, Stantonbury Social A made it through to the third round with a narrow 4-3 victory against Aylesbury Cosmos.

MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

THERE was great news this weekend when we heard Gary MacKenzie had been called up by Scotland. I phoned him up about it and he's over the moon.

It's a fantastic achievement for him and the club and it means three of our players are now going to be away on international duty, Adam Smith (England U21) and Ian McLoughlin (Ireland U21) being the other two.

On another occasion we could have actually cancelled Saturday's game.

Adam obviously had a nice send off on Saturday and will go away very happy after scoring that goal.

While he was suspended he asked me to spend a little bit of extra time with him on the training pitch and we were doing some extra work on his shooting, but not from that distance, I think he surprised us all by hitting it from there.

He has been working as a unit with Daniel Powell, doing little one-twos then shooting as he comes inside.

On Saturday he was desperate to get a goal because the other full back Dean Lewington has four and before the game he had none.

We're always asking full-backs to contribute as they get forward so much.

After his goal a lady said to me 'why are they booing him', I had to explain that they were actually shouting 'shoot'.

It was nice to see the crowd getting enthusiastic about it.

We play Nantwich in the FA Cup on Saturday and I think it's the best competition in the world.

It's known no matter where you go and should never be put down, everyone should try and get as far as they can, that's the romance of the FA Cup.

It'll be nice to see a good crowd come down to see a team we may never see again, and to see some of our young players who might get a chance to feature.

It was lovely this Saturday to see Armed Forces Day marked all over the country.

When Mark Smith, who brought out our ball, walked off the pitch it brought goosebumps to us all.

It was a moving reception and I hope he's delighted that we got the win for him.

■ For more on Mark's appearance at the game at stadiummk on Saturday, turn to page 27.

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	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
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2	Huddersfield	17	5	3	0	17	8	4	5	0	18	6	21	35
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4	MK Dons	17	4	5	0	19	9	4	1	3	11	8	13	30
5	Sheffield Utd	17	5	2	2	20	14	3	3	2	11	8	9	29
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11	Colchester	17	3	4	1	14	10	2	4	3	11	14	1	23
12	Hartlepool	16	2	2	4	7	11	4	3	1	15	13	-2	23
13	Preston	16	4	1	3	17	18	3	1	4	14	16	-3	23
14	Oldham	17	3	2	3	8	9	3	2	4	14	18	-5	22
15	Bury	17	2	2	4	10	13	4	1	4	10	12	-5	21
16	Bournemouth	17	2	1	5	8	13	3	3	3	13	13	-5	19
17	Scunthorpe	17	2	4	2	14	13	1	5	3	9	12	-2	18
18	Leyton Orient	17	2	2	5	9	15	2	4	2	10	13	-9	18
19	Exeter	17	3	2	4	9	13	1	2	5	6	15	-13	16
20	Walsall	17	2	3	4	7	10	1	3	4	9	11	-5	15
21	Rochdale	17	2	4	3	11	14	1	1	6	9	19	-13	14
22	Chesterfield	17	2	3	4	11	13	1	1	6	10	18	-10	13
23	Wycombe	17	1	2	5	8	13	2	2	5	9	14	-10	13
24	Yeovil	17	2	1	6	9	15	0	5	3	9	13	-10	12

MK DONS 3 ROCHDALE AFC 1

Tom Flanagan and Mark Beevers just fail to get onto the end of the ball as it bounces around inside the Rochdale box

It's three and easy

THERE were a few anxious faces around stadiummk on Saturday when Brian Barry-Murphy's curling free-kick gave Rochdale the lead, but those who were worried needn't have been concerned.

This was as comfortable a victory as Dons have recorded all season and at times Karl Robinson's side were at their free-flowing best.

If it wasn't for a number of wasted chances in the second half, then the visitors would have suffered a much heftier margin of defeat.

That, however, is a small complaint as the manner of the victory – the second League One win a row – will have gone a long way to putting the club's recent run of one win in nine to bed.

The club now sit fourth in the table going into a two week break from league action.

Barry-Murphy's pinpoint set-piece nestled sublimely in the top corner but the Dons leveller was an even greater thing of beauty.

On-loan Spurs full-back Adam Smith picked the ball up nearly 40 yards from goal and when cries of shoot rang out from the home faithful he duly obliged with an unstoppable thunderbolt which dipped past the helpless David Lucas.

It was a goal of the highest quality, one which would have graced any level, and it also left the manager out of pocket.

Robinson had bet Smith that he wouldn't score this season and the wonder-strike was the best possible way of proving him wrong.

"I was gutted to have to give him some money but I was made up for his strike," Robinson said.

"It wasn't that much because I'm a Scouser."

The goal gave Dons an added impetus and the rest of the first half was a precession of superb passing football, with Rochdale unable to get a look in.

Two goals arrived after excellent work out wide led to killer crosses.

The tireless Daniel Powell first teed up Charlie MacDonald to smash home and Luke Chadwick then slid the ball across the box for Mark Beevers to bundle in the third.

MacDonald's strike, his first since returning from a thigh problem, was particularly welcome and now Robinson will hope he can return to the form that saw him score three in his first three games for the club after joining.

Robinson said: "I paid money for him for a reason, I'd not spent money before at this football club.

"He's got four goals now all from near the six-yard-box, he's just a class act.

"We lost one striker in Sam Baldock but to have Charlie is a great strength in our squad, he's going to chip in with many more goals this season."

MacDonald, Powell and Angelo Balanta all had good chances to add to the lead in the second half, with the latter striking the outside of the post, but Dons had to make do with three.

"It could have been four, five or six," Robinson said.

"I thought the way they responded to their goal was magnificent, they responded like men.

"I don't normally look at the league table, as it's not my style, but before the game I used the league as a motivational factor.

"I said to the players I wanted to go into the two week league break with everybody looking at us as one of the strongest teams.

"A win at Walsall and a win today has really pushed our championship hopes right up there and now we're going to be sitting fourth for at least two weeks.

"A gap is now appearing between us and seventh and the gap between us and second place is decreasing."

Robbo still feels magic of the cup as Nantwich await

FROM BACK PAGE

Dons did have the option of calling off the tie but they have decided to play against the non-league outfit, who have already beaten four sides to make the first round proper for the first time in the club's 127-year history.

Robinson couldn't have been more delighted after MacKenzie's call up and he is relishing the prospect of getting some of the teens onto the pitch.

He said: "I was just as proud of the call up on Sunday as I was of the result on Saturday, we're honoured.

"The cup will be a great occasion for these young kids, and a chance to breed them in and give them opportunities.

"It's a case of the next generation and I'm very forward thinking.

"I get judged on today, but I believe if I get tomorrow right today will take care of itself."

Robinson also rejects claims that the FA Cup has lost some of its magic.

"I love it," he said. "I've got a picture of my daughter sat with the FA Cup.

"I took it home one night after Liverpool beat West Ham, I was there at the time and had the cup in my house.

"When you see the FA Cup and when you hold it, it's almost like a treasure.

"Some of the greatest moments that we'll reflect on in our life in the football industry probably would have happened in the FA Cup.

"Just having yourself associated with it is a thrill in itself. I'm really looking forward to having an FA Cup run."

Dean Lewington, Darren Potter and Stephen Gleeson are expected to miss the match but Robinson will have a number of other regulars at his disposal.

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VINCE'S VIEW

LIONS CHIEF VINCE MACAULAY: ONLY IN MK NEWS

Hello all, welcome to this week's Vince's View. Two games over the weekend and probably six very good quarters of basketball.

Up in Newcastle I was climbing the walls at half time when we were down by ten points, mainly because we had played so poorly, had we demonstrated anything like we can we would have put that game to bed.

The performance in the second half of that game was much better and we got to within a shot of winning the game with three minutes remaining but it wasn't to be.

Returning home on Sunday in front of a sell out home crowd was just awesome, a shout out to the children of Two Mile Ash school who really got behind the lads as we went on to defeat the Guildford Heat very convincingly.

For every second of every minute of every one of the 24 hours before the game, four Lions fans, Mark Fenton, Andy Malpass, Adam James and Richard Malpass shot free throws in support of the Help For Heroes charity.

The last two minutes of their marathon took place on court before the game and the Lions and entire audience all clapped them through as they shot over 9,600 free throws in an attempt to raise as much money as possible for the charity. Well done guys.

This weekend we have no games and so can rest and recuperate as we prepare for our trip to Plymouth next week. This will be a significant game as they are our opponent in the semi-final of the Trophy which we will play in the New Year.

Do come and join me for a breakfast meeting this Friday at Frankie & Benny's, we are hosting an Olympic Breakfast discussion from 7.30am, it costs just £9.99 including your breakfast and assisting me will be Olympic medallist, Gail Emms as we discuss what involvement MK will have in the Olympics.

Check out all the news at www.mklions.com. In the meantime, I leave you with this week's nugget, "The greatest danger for most of us is not that we aim too high and we miss it, but that we aim too low and reach it" Michelangelo

BASKETBALL

Bold Lions are too hot for Heat

Lions saw off Guildford Heat. Picture: Peter Davies

LIONS bounced back to winning ways in front of a sold out home arena on Sunday after a disappointing defeat in Newcastle on Friday night.

Mike New's men went down 100-88 to the Eagles in the north-east, their second British Basketball League defeat in a row, but they hit back in front of their own fans to see off Guildford Heat 98-82.

Newcastle's win was their fourth in four games and came despite a bright start from Lions, who were unlucky to go in 27-25 behind after the first quarter.

Things went less well in the second though as Newcastle powered ahead thanks to a 17-4 run which saw Eagle Joe Chapman turn on the style.

The shooter added 15 points and although Lions worked hard to get their way back into the match they just fell a little short at the end.

Ten out of 11 points at the start of the second half did not prove to be enough for Lions who had to settle for a second defeat in their first two league games following a loss in Glasgow.

Howard Crawford top scored in the game with 25 points while both Demarius Bolds and Daniel Northern had stellar double-doubles.

The former had 22 points and 14 rebounds while the latter recorded 15 points and 18 rebounds.

There were positives to take from the game and Lions did manage to claim their first league victory just two days later in convincing fashion.

The Heat were extinguished and Demarius Bolds was once again the top man, with a superb game-high points haul of 37.

Lions held a double-digit lead for virtually all of the final three quarters after a decisive burst to open the second period put them firmly in charge.

Guildford started well before Lions ended the first with a 7-2 streak to close within a single point at 19-20, with Nuno Pedroso's three pointer sparking the run.

After the break both teams exploded into life with a shared 56 points, but the Lions had the best of things in front of their enthusiastic home supporters and were able to claim a 11 point lead by half-time.

There was no way back for Heat and the home win was capped off late on by Nathan Schall, who rose for a spectacular tip, and Adrien Sturt who added two big dunks.

Lions have this weekend off but will travel to Plymouth Raiders on November 11.

The next home clash is a league encounter against Glasgow Rocks on November 25, with a 7.30pm tip-off.

ICE HOCKEY

Fireworks as Lightning and Guildford clash

MK LIGHTNING ended up with three points from a possible four after back-to- back clashes with Guildford Flames this weekend.

There were fireworks during Saturday's bonfire night clash as Planet Ice, with Poole's MK emerging as deserved 6-4 winners.

The return game in Guildford 24-hours later ended 3-3, but the Flames were able to nick the win in the overtime period.

However, it meant that Lightning dropped just one point for their weekend's work, an excellent return.

In the first game Lightning were forced to battle back from 3-1 down against the side who they faced in the English Premier League's play-off final in April.

Matt Towalski connected with a Tom Norton effort to give Lightning the lead but the fired up Flames grabbed an equaliser only 24 seconds into the second period with Ben Campbell beating Alex Mettam.

Flames player-coach Paul Dixon bagged his side's second and when Campbell struck again Lightning were rattled.

However, MK showed great character and Grant McPherson reduced the arrears with a goal on the powerplay and Juraj Gracik levelled easy in the third.

Before Flames even had a chance to regroup, Adam Brittle set up skipper Adam Carr to put Lightning back in front.

In an enthralling game, Curtis Huppe scored on the powerplay for Guildford to level the match again but it would be the last time the visitors found the net.

Gracik grabbed his second and Leigh Jamieson slid home into the empty net after Flames withdrew their netminder to complete the scoring.

In the second match it was the home side who opened the scoring with Greg Chambers scoring a powerplay goal while Michael Farn sat out a penalty for roughing with Branislav Kvetan.

Not to be outdone, Lightning were soon back in the game when Adam Carr and Nick Poole set up Adam Brittle.

The fireworks began in earnest when Guildford's Neil Liddiard left the bench to fight Grant McPherson, and the Flames man then resisted the officials' attempts to restrain him – earning him a match ban, whilst McPherson was thrown out with a five minutes plus game penalty.

Juraj Gracik's third goal of the weekend gave Lightning a 2-1 lead going into the first break.

Huppe then bagged an equalising powerplay goal for the home side four minutes into the second period but the Flames' momentum wasn't to last, Brittle putting Lightning back into the lead going into the final break.

Guildford battled back to 3-3 at and the score was unchanged at the end of regulation time, prompting sudden death overtime.

Lightning celebrate on Saturday. Picture: Jez Tibbetts

Sadly for Lightning, Guildford took the win thanks to a Dixon goal after 63 seconds.

This weekend, Poole's men face a double header against Swindon Wildcats with the home leg at Planet Ice on Sunday, with a 5.30pm face-off.

Former Wildcat Farn said: "They made changes in the summer with new imports, a new netminder and a new assistant coach – and it all seems to be paying off for them.

"They've had some high-scoring games this season as well as grinding out some 1-0 wins – so we'll have to be tight defensively and make sure we capitalise on every chance we create."

SPORTSSHORTS

RUGBY UNION

Olney 20 Bletchley 24

BLETCHLEY came from behind to win with an injury time try against local rivals Olney to reach the semis of the Buckinghamshire County Cup.

Dagan Probert powered over in the 82nd minute to hand the win to the visitors.

HOCKEY

MK Ladies 1sts 7 Wycombe 2nds 1

MK LADIES returned to winning ways despite Wycombe taking the lead after a defensive error.

Skipper Sophie Reynolds bagged four goals and strikes from Charlotte Batty, Lou Reynolds and Gemma Meredith completed the scoring.

The win leaves MK third in the league just three points behind leaders Reading.

BOBSLEIGH

AN RAF airman from the city has been selected for the GB bobsleigh squad.

Corporal Keith McLaughlin, 29, will compete in the two-man and four-man bob in the World Championships which begins this month and in the Europa Cup throughout the season.

"I am grateful to have been given the chance to represent my country in a sport I love," he said.

TABLE TENNIS

CITY star Andrew Baggaley has been confirmed as the number one player in the country after his results on the pro tour saw him overhaul Paul Drinkhall.

The Olympic hopeful, number 142 in the world, aims to reach the top 100 before London 2012.

He said: "I have massive self belief that on my day I can beat any player in the world."

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

FOUR rookie days are being held by the MK Pathfinders on the next four Sundays, for anyone wanting to give the sport a try.

Football boots and a drink are required and a gumshield for those wanting to try contact – meet at 1.30pm at MK Rugby Club in Emerson Valley.

MOTORSPORT

BRITISH Touring Car Independents Champion James Nash took his first Formula Ford win since 2007 and also set the fastest lap in the 2011 Walter Hayes Trophy today at Silverstone.

The Newport Pagnell driver was competing in a Van Diemen RF82 and is no stranger to Walter Hayes, finishing second in 2006.

SWIMMING

TWO MK swimmers from the South Beds Masters club took part in the ASA Masters Championships in Sheffield.

Keith Spence swam well in the 50m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle, 100m Individual Medley and the 50m, 100m and 200m Breaststroke, and Pete Iles also swam in six events, competing in the 50m and 100m Butterfly and the 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m Freestyle.

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Lions stand up to the heat

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Number three: Mark Beevers turns home the third goal for Dons during a scintillating first half against Rochdale. More on page 82. Picture: Andy Handley.

Home turf is a 'battlefield'

BY DAN PALMER

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KARL Robinson believes that the stadiummk turf has been turned into a 'battlefield'.

His Dons team set a club record of ten home games unbeaten on Saturday after the 3-1 win over Rochdale.

And Robinson thinks he has succeeded where his two predecessors have failed – by making Dons almost unbeatable at home.

The boss said that himself and assistant John Gorman were 'very proud' of the current run.

Only four teams have beaten Dons at home in ninety minutes during the last 12 months – Sheffield Wednesday, Plymouth, Leyton Orient and Huddersfield – and all of those defeats were last season.

Robinson hopes that several more teams will draw a blank at stadiummk this term as he plots a route to the Championship.

He told MK NEWS: "When I got the job I think the Chairman said the one weakness at the club at the time was our home record.

"Under Paul Ince and Roberto Di Matteo I think if the home form was better we would have gained promotion.

"This place wasn't seen as a fortress, it was seen as somewhere where teams like coming to play.

"I think we are slowly turning it into a battlefield, a field where people don't like coming.

"They know they are going to be hit with a whirlwind of talent and pace and power.

"At home is your bread and butter and the fans judge you on it."

Robinson admitted that he 'loved breaking records'.

"I like the fact that we are constantly rewriting new chapters, it's all about writing new chapters if you want to go forward," he said.

"If you turn the pages over from last year to this year, we're a better team, we're better prepared, we've got better staff and better young players coming through and a bigger hunger and desire to succeed.

"We're strong and fully focussed on going forward.

"It's a wonderful run and we've been floating on this cloud at the moment.

"The chairman's enjoying the football he's watching and the fans' reception after the game on Saturday was magnificent."

To help with his Championship ambitions, Robinson is planning on utilising the January transfer window and hopes to bring a couple of new players to the club – perhaps using cash from Sam Baldock's sale.

Meanwhile, some other players will be sent on loan to get some valuable game time under their belts.

"I'm still looking to strengthen and I know where I want to strengthen," Robinson said.

Brothers in arms to boost FA Cup bid

KARL Robinson knows that he can trust his scouting report on FA Cup opponents Nantwich Town – because it came from his brother.

Dons kick off with the Northern Premier League part-timers in the first round of the famous competition on Saturday and the manager's sibling Craig has been able to give the club a major boost.

Robinson's younger brother is conveniently Assistant Manager at Nantwich's league rivals Ashton United, and the two sides met in a 1-1 draw on Saturday.

That meant Craig was able to give Karl some key information ahead of this Saturday's game at stadiummk.

"It's given us a bit of a heads up," the Dons boss said.

"But we're going to be fully focussed, the preparation will be strong and precise."

There is another link between the two teams as Nantwich manager Jimmy Quinn, a former Northern Ireland international, was manager when a young Karl played for Swindon.

"I'm sure he'll call on his experiences, and approach it in the right way," Robinson said. "We've got to make sure we carry out our business right.

"I've heard that they're saying that they will come here and win, they better be good if they are going to do that."

With a scouting report or not, Dons should be too strong for Nantwich who would need three promotions just to reach the Football League.

Robinson has vowed to shuffle his pack for the game and there could be as many as eight changes for the tie.

The bench will feature three U16 players and one U17 and Robinson hopes to bring at least one onto the pitch depending on how the game is progressing.

As required by the FA, Dons have gained permission from the players' schools to allow them to play, and if any of them feature Adam Chicksen's record of youngest ever Dons player will be broken.

Defender Gary MacKenzie certainly won't play after being called up by Scotland, which follows international nods for Adam Smith (England U21) and Ian McLoughlin (Ireland U21).

Because a trio of players are missing

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